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Plan to cut budget and lawyers' role

Mackay calls for legal aid 'fundholders'

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor will next week unveil proposals for a legal aid system controlled by a regional network of NHS-style fundholders, working within budgets that strictly limit how much money they can hand out.

The proposals by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, described by officials as a major restructuring of the £1.4 billion legal aid scheme, spell the end of a demand-led approach and the dominant role of lawyers in settling publicly-funded disputes.

At the heart of the proposals is a plan to create a regional network of intermediaries or "fundholders for justice", loosely based on the reforms in the National Health Service.

The intermediaries, who need not be lawyers, would come under the regional offices of the Legal Aid Board. They would deal with all applications and act as a filter, ensuring that aid was reserved for disputes that could not be settled in any other way.

The proposals will be outlined by Lord Mackay in a speech that foreshadows a Green Paper in the spring. The speech, intended to initiate debate by posing questions rather than prescribing solutions, will nonetheless include ideas that mark a fundamental departure from the way legal aid now operates. One of those changes would be to move away from lawyers as the first port of call for settling a legal dispute. People would be directed to mediators, ombudsmen, arbitrators and advice workers in law centres and citizens' advice bureaux.



Mackay: "At present the money goes rolling out"

Lord Mackay's main concern is to direct legal aid to the right people. Before Christmas he outlined proposals to curb aid to the apparently rich: the Green Paper will look at how to improve access to people who need legal help and are denied it.

These will include legal expenses insurance; conditional fees (no win, no fee), which are due to come into force shortly; and possibly tackling the injustice whereby there is no legal aid for tribunals.

At present everyone who passes tests on means and merit can obtain aid for payment of lawyers' fees. Under the new proposals, people would be directed to ways of resolving disputes that need not involve lawyers. This year 3.6 million people were helped under one of the various legal aid schemes and that number is expected to reach a record 4.4 million by 1997-98. Lord Mackay's speech will be made at a seminar entitled "Addressing cost-effective access to justice", which is being held in London by the Social Market Foundation. It was the foundation that initially proposed the idea of "fundholders" in a pamphlet drawn up by Tony Holland, a past president of the Law Society, and two academics.

The idea of cash-limiting has already been strongly attacked by the Law Society, which says that justice will become a lottery. Legal aid funds would run out at different rates in different parts of the country.

Legal aid is one of the fastest growing areas of public spending. Costs are rising from £500 million in 1989 to an estimated £1.6 billion by 1996. But much of the increase has been caused by government legislation, such as the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. Controls on growth have already meant the legal aid budget was underspent last year by £70 million.

In a BBC *Newsnight* programme last month, Lord Mackay first indicated he was attracted to cash-limiting the budget. He said: "Cash limiting has attractions in being able to put priorities on the system. At the moment there is no relative priority between one case and another. Once they qualify they enter into the system and the money goes rolling out to the lawyers involved in the case. There are advantages in the system which controls that."

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REBECCA NADEN/PA



Celebration for Darren Gough, right, and his England team-mates after the Australian captain, Taylor, was caught and bowled, fifth of his six wickets.

A new England hero rises from the Ashes

BY PAUL WILKINSON AND JOHN YOUNG

YORKSHIREMEN have long boasted that they represent the heart and stomach of English cricket, and that in the nation's hour of need a knight of the White Rose will ride to the rescue.

History, alas, has not always supported that theory, but new life has been breathed into a dead Ashes series by the rumbustious figure of Darren Gough, 24, whose performance in the Sydney Test has restored pride to a team racked by ridicule and despair.

Following his half-century by taking six Australian wickets for 49, Gough has become an instant hero. Yesterday his wife Anna declared herself "the proudest wife in all England", and said she would fly out with Liam, the one-month-old son he has not seen, next weekend.

Joining them will be the hero's father, Trevor, who said he would congratulate his son on becoming a father. "After that I will give him a good hug," he said. Mrs Gough added: "I thought there was every chance he would rescue England. He always likes to go out there and belt it around the place. That is just the way he plays".

Delight yesterday in Gough's home village of Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, was tempered by a characteristic Yorkshire reluctance not to overdo the excitement. Local people had always known the lad was good, but until now not quite how good.

"It's only because there's a Yorkshireman, Ray Illingworth, running the side that Government has achieved. He's given us all a lift."

Mr Gough senior said on Radio 4 that his son had always had an ambition for the top. "He enjoys his cricket; he keeps going and going. He's got a lot of stamina, and he will keep fighting."

Inevitably comparisons are made with another English lion, Ian Botham, who played 102 times for his country, hitting 5,000 runs and taking nearly 400 wickets. Gough still has some way to go.

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Second victim of meningitis

Five-year-old Alexandra Yates last night became the second victim of the meningitis virus which killed her best friend, Emma Harris, on Boxing Day. Alexandra died in Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London.

The girls, who became ill on Christmas Day, were in the same class at aschool in Rottingdean, Sussex.

Pupils in search for new schools

Parents are trying to find school places for 140 children before the new term starts, after a 75-year-old independent school closed suddenly over the holiday. The governors of Winton School, Croydon, announced the closure on Christmas Eve .....Page 3

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Warning to governors before riot

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISON governors were warned three months ago that men under 25 serving sentences for burglary and robbery were central to disturbances at low-security jails, it was disclosed yesterday after the riot at Everthorpe.

A new generation of tough young prisoners was blamed for the riot which caused thousands of pounds of damage to cells, offices and equipment on two wings. A prison service source said last night that many younger men in Category C prisons such as the jail on Humberside were much more troublesome and ruthless than in the past. They were more likely to have previous convictions and were likely to cause trouble particularly at the outset of their sentences.

More than eight hours of disturbances began when 67 inmates refused to return to their cells on C wing on Monday night. They broke into D wing, which houses inmates who have earned additional privileges, and began a fire in an office. Water

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Chechens claim a victory amid ruins of their capital

FROM BILL GASPERINI IN GROZNY AND RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

BATTERED Russian troops retreated from central Grozny yesterday, leaving hundreds of bodies and destroyed tanks in the ruined streets around the Presidential Palace.

On the fourth day of heavy street fighting, the Chechens consolidated their position after halting the Russian assault, and even counter-attacked in places. The heaviest fighting was around the railway station, about a mile north-west of the palace. Another battle line lies three miles to the north.

A huge Russian artillery bombardment from north-eastern Grozny, where the Russian forces have regrouped, was apparently designed to protect 60 stranded Russian tanks still surrounded by Chechens. The Russian guns pounded the Presidential Palace, and one shell blew the Chechen flag off the roof. Russian aircraft bombed factories in the west of the city.

But the centre remained firmly in Chechen hands. The Chechen fighters showed their elation with victory dances. Near by, dead Russian soldiers lay sprawled beside their burnt-out tanks and armoured personnel carriers.

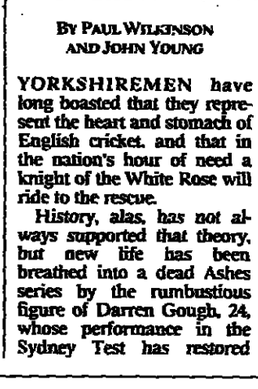
Buildings facing the central square were gutted by fire and pockmarked with bullet holes. The air was full of the roar and howl of Russian shells. Smoke from the shelling spiralled up into a sky already darkened by oil fires.

Outside the palace, Schamil Besiav, the Chechen military commander, said: "We intend to defend ourselves whatever it takes." The bearded commander was dressed in the favourite uniform of the Chechens: green camouflage fatigues and a black ski cap. As he spoke, a group of fighters erupted: "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest).

Boris Agapov, Vice-President of the neighbouring republic of Ingushetia, which is sympathetic to the Chechens, said: "Many Russian tanks have been withdrawn to the perimeter of the city, and at least 100 Russian soldiers have been captured."

Three Russian prisoners displayed by the Chechens said that they were the only survivors from two infantry companies which led the initial attack on the railway station on New Year's Eve.

Civilians were again caught in crossfire yesterday. In one incident shown on Russian television, jets trying to knock out a bridge hit civilian vehicles, killing at least ten people.



Moscow women protest yesterday against the war

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Rosemary West case is reviewed

BY BILL FROST

AN URGENT review of the case against Rosemary West is to be held by prosecution and defence lawyers after her husband's suicide at Winson Green jail on New Year's Day. She is charged with the murder of nine young women whose bodies were unearthed at the couple's Gloucester home last year.

There has been intense speculation that proceedings against Mrs West might not go ahead because of lurid press coverage which followed her husband's death and difficulties with the admissibility of prosecution evidence.

The Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday that counsel would be called together as soon as was practicable, though no conclusion was likely to be reached in the immediate future. The CPS statement continued: "Every case considered by the CPS is continuously reviewed to ensure that the evidence available provides a realistic prospect of conviction".

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Skydivers leap for lives from 'sabotage' plane

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

FIVE skydivers escaped unhurt after baling out of a light aircraft which police believe may have been sabotaged by a firebomb wedged in the engine.

Detectives were yesterday investigating a theory that the incident was a revenge attempt against the pilot over the death of a skydiver in an accident three years ago. Lyn George, 35, the pilot, who was told two weeks ago that he would not be prosecuted, shouted to the skydivers "Bale out, bale out" at 4,000ft after noticing a drop in power and irregular instrument readings. He made an emergency landing, minutes after taking off from the airfield near Whitchurch, Shropshire, on Monday.

When he later inspected the Cessna 206 he found a plastic bottle containing aviation fuel inserted in the cowling next to the engine. Mr George said the container was close to melting. "I dread to think what could have happened," he said. "The aviation fuel was just millimetres away from spraying over the red-hot engine block. Not only could it have brought the plane down, killing everyone on board, but there's no knowing how many it could have killed on the ground."

Mr George was charged with the manslaughter of a skydiver because the plane involved was allegedly not authorised to carry parachutists. John Ward, 42, plummeted 12,000ft to his death after hitting the plane tail wing on August 26, 1991. The charge was dropped on December 20.

Detective Sergeant Andrew Thomas of West Mercia Police said that revenge was being considered as one possible motive. Residents have been protesting about alleged nuisance from increased skydiving at the centre.

MoD spends £1m a year on batmen to wait at table

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

MORE than £1 million a year is spent on employing batmen to press the uniforms, clean the shoes and wait at the tables of the highest-ranking Ministry of Defence officers in their taxpayer-funded homes.

Several hundred thousand pounds are spent on sending army officers fox hunting and some £54,000 was spent on new dog kennels at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

These examples of alleged extravagance within the MoD are contained in a report published by Labour last night which says that £5 billion of waste was identified within the department last year. Labour called the report "an indictment of Conservative financial incompetence and a testament to their mismanagement of Britain's defence capability".

The information, taken from parliamentary answers and official reports, was described as a "national disgrace" by David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, in a year when some 18,000 people have been made redundant through the ministry's defence costs study aimed at saving £750 million a year from 1996-97.

Some £2.3 billion had been squandered by defence procurement problems and £800 million had been wasted on the Trident works programme. Defence equipment costs were spiralling because of the failure to predict technical difficulties, poorly estimated costs, late deliveries and inadequate reliability.

Mr Clark said: "This past year has been a particularly difficult one for those employed in the defence sector. Malcolm Rifkind [the Defence Secretary] promised stability but all we have got is greater uncertainty. It is a national disgrace that the MoD should be throwing away billions of pounds of taxpayers' money. Financial incompetence and unjustified extravagance appear to be the order of the day at the Ministry of Defence."

Labour MPs have already used parliamentary answers during the past year to expose the spending of some £1 million on perks for senior officers, including a bill of some £387,000 to refurbish the official residence of Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson.

Among the other alleged wastes in the report are:

☐ Some £177m lost through the mishandling of the withdrawal of units of the Rhine army from Germany. Quoting the National Audit Office, the report says that equipment has languished in fields, with some 1,800 surplus vehicles stored in the open with no plans on how to use them, and that vehicles have been cannibalised unnecessarily.

☐ About £1.97 billion wasted on overspending on weapons and late delivery, including an alleged £966 million on the Eurofighter project, £267 million on the update of the Tornado GR1, and £37 million on the Sea Harrier.

☐ Loss of £500 million through the abandonment of plans to sell 70,000 married quarters to a housing trust.

☐ Some £7 million wasted on unused or redundant telephone lines.

☐ Inadequate reliability of defence equipment was estimated by the Audit Office to cost at least £500 million a year.

☐ Spending of some £25 million on a warship, *HMS Sirius*, now being considered for use for target practice.

☐ Cost overruns of some £80 million on a nuclear war bunker under the ministry.

The Labour report said it was typical of the Government that waste on this scale should go unchecked while the defence budget had fallen by 28 per cent and the Armed Forces were being asked to carry out the same tasks with fewer resources.



Clark: overspending is "national disgrace"

NHS trust chiefs given pay rises of up to 27%

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

CHIEF executives of NHS trusts were awarded pay rises worth an average 6.6 per cent last year at a time when salaries for public sector workers were pegged at 1.5 per cent.

Latest figures show that some chief executives received rises of up to 27.8 per cent and 20 trusts paid increases over 10 per cent. The highest-earning chief executive — Dr David Warrell of Central Manchester Healthcare, who has since retired — was awarded a rise of 15.5 per cent, taking his salary to £112,000.

Details of the rises, taken from the accounts of 130 trusts for the year to March 1994, are disclosed in the January issue of the *Management Pay Review*, published by Incomes Data Services. They follow a report earlier this week by the Labour Research Department which showed that members of the average NHS trust board receive pay and emoluments worth £293,000.

The size of the rises is likely to fuel resentment among other NHS staff who were held strictly to the Government's 1.5 per cent limit on public sector awards for 1993-94. Even taking account of the annual increments awarded automatically to most staff, the average rise for chief executives was higher. Incomes Data Services says it is the second year that the rise in their pay has outstripped that for other staff.

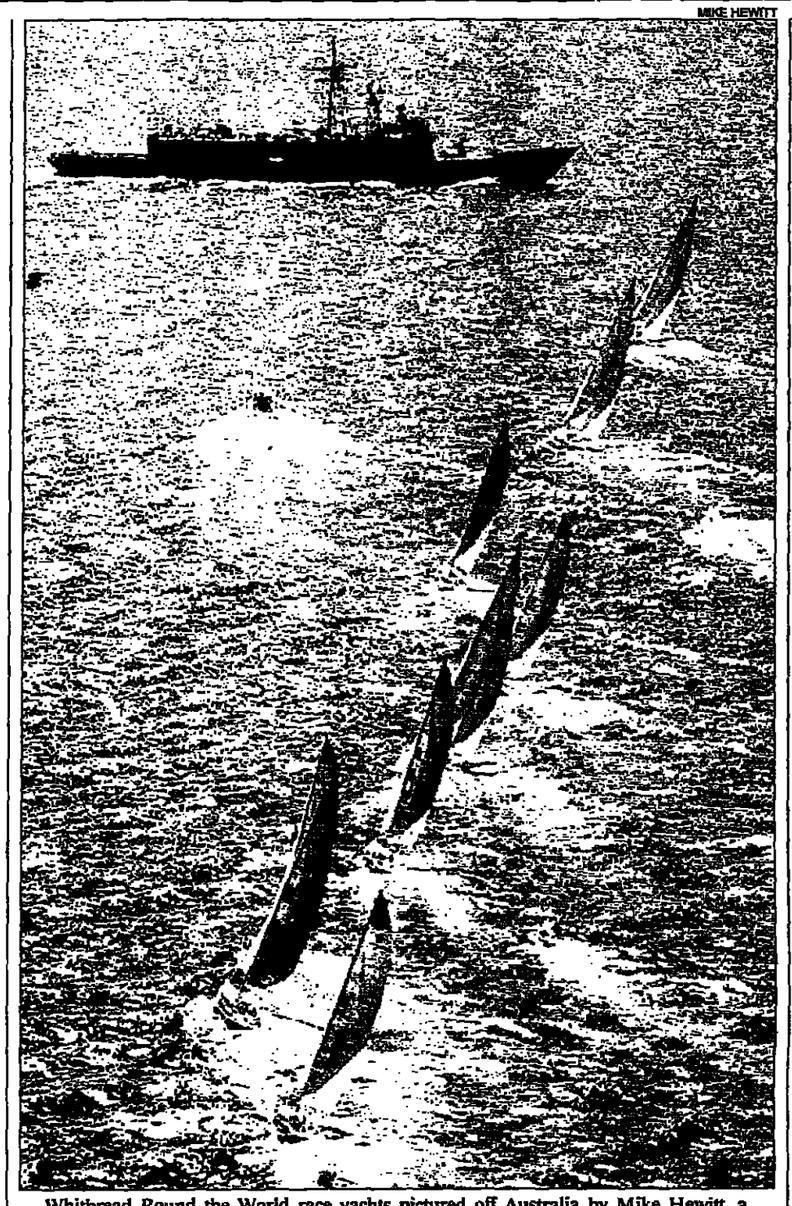
Four chief executives were paid £90,000 or more, while at the bottom of the scale 14 earned less than £50,000, with ambulance trust chiefs the lowest paid group on average. Four suffered a pay cut during the year and a further 14 had no rise, usually because bonuses were withheld.

The report says that many trusts do not understand basic accounting practices and supplied inadequate information. The Christie hospital in Manchester appeared to have awarded its chief executive a rise of 34 per cent until it discovered it had "inadvertently omitted" performance bonuses and other benefits worth £7,000 from the previous year's accounts. Even taking these into account his earnings rose by 17.2 per cent. Accounts for the Royal Free Hospital in London failed to disclose pension contributions, which effectively increased the chief executive's earnings by £12,000.

Turnover of chief executives was extremely high over the year, the report says, affecting a third of the trusts. Heatherwood and Wexham Park in Slough, Berkshire, has had three chief executives since it was established.

Philip Hunt, director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, said there was no evidence that the salaries were out of line with those in other areas. "It is one of the toughest jobs around to run a multimillion-pound trust hospital and we need the most capable people, so we should pay them accordingly."

MIKE HEWITT



Whitbread Round the World race yachts pictured off Australia by Mike Hewitt, a winner in the Marine Photographic Competition featured at the London Boat Show

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police chief questions drink-drive campaign

A chief constable called for a complete review of campaigns against drink-drivers yesterday after the annual Christmas blitz produced only a small fall in the number of motorists failing tests. David Williams of Surrey Police said that enormous resources were being put into both summer and Christmas campaigns and police had to ask whether it was the right use of police resources.

The number of drivers failing breath tests during the Christmas campaign fell from 6.31 per cent last year to 6.04 per cent. A total of 78,090 drivers were tested in 43 police areas in England and Wales with 4,720 refusing or failing.

Thaw by the weekend

The country faces further icy conditions today, although forecasters are promising a thaw spreading south from Scotland by the weekend. Heavy frosts, especially in the South East, will hamper motorists on their way to work, and black ice will linger in the higher parts of the country. Forecast, page 20

Parents found dead

Two young girls were orphaned yesterday after their parents were found dead at their Buckinghamshire home. Mrs Dawn Morgan was battered to death in the maisonette in Burnham: her husband, Brian, was in the adjoining room. Police are treating the case as a murder and a suicide. It is not clear whether Carla, 11, and Dawn, 13, witnessed the deaths.

Wheels of justice

A motorcyclist alleged to have ridden at 178.9mph on the A38 Sutton Coldfield bypass had his case adjourned yesterday. Anthony Pearce, 31, was one of 21 motorists caught for allegedly travelling at more than 100mph on the dual carriageway last July. Sutton Coldfield magistrates called for tests on his Honda CBR900 Fireblade.

Grayson in hospital



Larry Grayson, right, the veteran entertainer, was in hospital last night after emergency surgery for a perforated appendix. Grayson, a former *Generation Game* presenter who is in his 70s, was found unconscious on the floor of his bungalow in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, on New Year's Day. Paul Vaughan, his manager, said: "He is certainly not well. But we think he is mending."

Fugitive's car found

Police hunting a man wanted in connection with the shooting of his wife on her doorstep in South Wales began checking lodging houses, hotels and hostels in west London yesterday after his car was found in west Kensington. Phillip Manning's wife Margaret was shot in Abertillery, Gwent, on Christmas Day.

Stormont fire inquiry

A forensic examination has failed to establish a cause of the fire at the Stormont parliament buildings in Belfast. The police investigation is expected to last several days. The fire was confined to the Commons debating chamber and there was no evidence of structural damage, the Northern Ireland Office said. Restoration costs are estimated at £2 million.

Scrap school aid says Hattersley

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Labour Party is urged by a former deputy leader today to scrap the charitable status of independent schools.

As the Tories continue to try to exploit the confusion over Labour's education policy, Roy Hattersley writes in *The Times* that the party could not justify subsidising fees at Eton and Harrow through charity status instead of using the money to provide pre-school places in inner cities. He says that Labour's radical reputation and its hopes of becoming a genuinely reforming government "depend on providing an education system that meets the need of the whole population".

John Prescott, the deputy leader, confirmed yesterday that removing charitable status, a concession worth some £42 million a year to independent schools, remains an option in the party's education review. Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative Party chairman, wrote to Tony Blair, the Labour leader, last night stating that such a policy would mean parents incurring VAT on school fees and called on him state Labour's policy clearly.

Mr Prescott admitted that Labour's long years in Opposition had meant that its spokesmen, himself included, tended to be "a little bit loose" with their policy statements.

Roy Hattersley, page 14

British Legion unveils new look

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE Royal British Legion launches a campaign today to revitalise its image and propel it into the next century.

Although the ex-servicemen's charity collected £20 million last year, including £14 million from the poppy collection, it spent £23 million. Legion officials hope that their campaign will raise awareness and ultimately increase donations.

They aim, with a new logo and a year-round poster and advertising campaign, to show the many facets of their work and emphasise the organisation's modern relevance. The effort begins today with a presentation at the Royal Society of Arts.

Jeremy Lillies, public relations officer, said that the Legion wanted to show a younger and more contemporary face for 1995 and beyond. "People don't see us as a modern organisation. They think we are just something to do with the world wars. The fact is that we are an organisation for *all* ex-servicemen."

The Legion has a growing number of ex-servicemen and their families turning to them for help. "The youngest Second World War veterans are only 63 years old, and we have the National Service generation coming through, who all qualify for our help, together with those leaving all three forces every year. People are also living longer, which is creating a huge demand."

Special projects will be emphasised in the campaign, including the Legion's small business advisory service and training centres, where it helps ex-servicemen from all generations to resettle into a civilian lifestyle.

Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, the Legion's national president, said: "We are not just about providing money, but dignity."

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BT cuts price of transatlantic call

BY ERIC REGULY

BT will reduce the price of transatlantic telephone calls by about 20 per cent from next month. Mercury Communications, its main rival in the increasingly competitive overseas calls market, said it would match the cuts.

At the same time, BT announced that it was increasing its line-rental charge by 4.6 per cent, a move that will boost the company's annual revenue by about £100 million. It said that the increase of £1.10 per quarter was slightly more than a penny a day for residential customers.

Rebates under BT's light user scheme for customers who rarely use their telephones will partly offset the rise. The latest reductions in overseas calls mean that a three-minute evening and weekend call to the US and Canada, BT's busiest foreign destinations, will cost £1.14, down 21 per cent from £1.44. A daytime call falls 22 per cent to £1.19.

Under price controls imposed by Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, BT must shrink its overall prices each year by the retail prices index minus 7.5 per cent. The controls, which came into effect in mid-1993, remain in place until mid-1997.

Oftel said the increased rental charges were in line with its separate RPI plus 2 per cent formula for line rentals. BT claims it needs the extra revenue to help cover the high cost of maintaining its network.

Michael Hepher, BT's managing director, said the new charges to the US were less than half the prices of calls made from the US to Britain. "Contrary to popular belief, BT's customers will be getting a lot better deal than the Americans when it comes to making calls across the Atlantic."

Michael Hepher: "A much better deal"

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Riot blamed on young inmates

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pipes were fractured, cells damaged and equipment wrecked in the trouble, which ended at 5am when police and prison officers stormed both wings. Inmates from C wing were transferred to other jails.

Detective Chief Inspector Terry Lamb said: "There is extensive damage to everything that is breakable within C wing. Doors, windows, tables and chairs have all been smashed. And there is similar sort of damage in D wing." The Prison Service said the damage cost less than £10,000 and that the repairs would be completed within a week.

But the disturbances increased the perception of a prison service with severe difficulties. The Opposition accused Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, of running scared, when neither he nor Michael Forsyth, the Prisons Minister, uttered a word about the latest incidents. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said that when things were going well Mr Howard was there to take the credit, but when there were problems he could not be found.

It is understood that Mr Forsyth is in Scotland, Mr Howard is being kept informed of developments, at his country home, and that Baroness Blatch was the duty Home Office minister.

93 'ships of shame' detained

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST a hundred foreign vessels have been detained in UK ports as being unseaworthy since the Government decided six months ago to publish a regular list of "ships of shame". Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, said the figures were stark and disturbing.

The list of the 93 ships detained were published yesterday and illustrate the potentially disastrous faults in ships that regularly visit British ports or sail close to shore. In one vessel, the crew had to plug holes in the ship's side, tanks and collision bulkhead with wooden plugs. On one of the fish factory ships, known as klondykers, rat infestation was so bad the crew were unable to sleep.

Half the ships detained came from five countries: Russia (13), Cyprus and Malta (10 each), and Bulgaria and Panama (7 each).

About a third of the ships had to be held for more than seven days and more than three quarters were over 15 years old. A third were gas, chemical or oil tankers or bulk carriers and a quarter were registered in states of the former Soviet Bloc.

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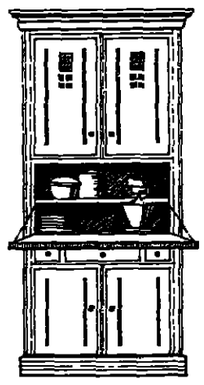
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Royal flush proves too much for resort

BY A STAFF REPORTER

KLOSTERS proved yesterday what many had feared: the Swiss ski resort is just too small for two royal ski groups.

The first evidence came as a group of 60 photographers, reporters and camera crew waited for the Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry to meet them on a slope for the traditional family skiing picture. With the weather closing in to near-blizzard conditions and the Prince late, the group was becoming anxious when suddenly the Duchess of York, Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie appeared on the slope above.

After some hesitation they skied past the press group without stopping. A few minutes later, the three princes skied down and posed for photographs. The Prince was in a chatty mood and he joked with photographers about the freezing conditions affecting their cameras and having brought the snowfall with him from Britain. It was explained that the Duchess had not meant to intrude on the photo-shoot but had little option but to ski past as there were no other slopes open which the young princesses, aged four and six, could manage.

Shortly afterwards, the weather worsening and temperatures falling to -15C, the two royal parties were forced together again when they went to shelter in the warmth of the same mountain restaurant. While the princesses joined their cousins for hot drinks, their mother remained at a separate table. She told reporters that she had not been invited to join her brother-in-law.

The Prince's private secretary, Commander Richard Aylard, later denied that there was any hostility between the Duchess and the Prince. "All this talk about frostiness is complete and utter nonsense. There is no hostility with the Duchess as far as I am concerned."

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Closure leaves 140 pupils in scramble for school places

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE sudden closure over Christmas of an independent school has left the parents of 140 children struggling to find places for them elsewhere before the new term starts.

Winton School in Croydon, south London, which was founded in 1920, should have reopened today. But the governors told parents and staff on Christmas Eve that safety fears and financial problems had forced them to order an immediate closure.

Other schools in the area have been asked to take the 60 senior pupils and 84 children from the preparatory school. Staff are trying to keep the GCSE candidates together for the final term before their examinations. The Whitgift Foundation, which runs independent schools in the area, has offered teaching accommodation, and Winton staff, who will meet tonight, may complete the courses.

A stream of parents visited the school yesterday in the hope of finding alternative places. Local independent schools have interviewed some pupils and some have set special entrance examinations. Croydon education authority is trying to find room for others in state schools.

The fees at Winton ranged from £500 a term in the junior school to £1,215 for the seniors. Nat Murthy, whose three daughters went to the school, said: "It came as a complete shock to us. We have to give a term's notice if a pupil is leaving, but we were left to find another place when most of the schools were closed."

Neil Murray, the headmaster, who had been in post for barely a year, said: "Like the rest of the staff, I had no inkling that the school was going to close at all, never mind so suddenly. The governors did not realise the extent of the problems until their meeting the previous day."

The 100-year-old buildings were surveyed last year to assess a backlog of repairs. Consultants advised subsequently that the school should not reopen until a number of fire hazards and other breaches of health and safety regulations were rectified.

Mark Waight, chairman of the governors, whose own son attended the school, said: "Over the years, the school has really been neglected in terms of maintenance, and we were looking to secure its long-term future. Unfortunately, this startling report meant that we could not expose the children and staff to the risks, and we would not have been able to reopen within any acceptable timescale."

He added: "Winton has been struggling financially for many years as numbers have fallen, and the curriculum in the senior school has not been balanced. A lot of investment was needed, which we hoped to raise, but in the end there was nothing we could do. It was a very difficult decision."

The Winton premises and site will now be sold, and the trust responsible for the school wound up or taken over. Mr Waight said: "The bank is owed nearly £60,000 and the staff will have to be paid off, so the residue is not likely to be enough to consider starting another school."

Mr Waight addressed parents last weekend, but his explanation left many disgruntled. Colin Jones, whose three-year-old son Daniel was in the pre-prep class, said: "We paid the fees, and we felt we were entitled to something more specific. We would still like to keep the teachers if a merger could be arranged with another school."

Dipak Shah, 10, sat an entrance test for Trinity School, Croydon, yesterday and will start there this morning. His father Madhu said: "Both our children now have offers of places. We would have preferred them to stay where they were because they were doing well."

Tony Graham, whose son Christian also attended the pre-prep class, said: "We think the parents have been wronged by the governors' action, and there are still questions we want answered."

ADRIAN BROOKS



Dipak Shah, 10, discussing his future yesterday with headmaster Neil Murray

British woman dies in Nigeria hammer attack

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A BRITISH woman was bludgeoned to death with a hammer in an oilworkers' compound in Nigeria. Anne Wetherill, 37, a mother of three, died in the early hours of New Year's Eve.

Her husband Alan, 39, said that she was attacked as they returned from a party. He has been asked to remain in the residential area for Shell employees in Port Harcourt while police investigate the death.

Mr Wetherill was found cradling his dying wife outside their home. He told police she had been injured by a hammer attack on the threshold of their house. He called the police and ambulance from inside their home and then went outside to tend to his wife until she died. Twenty minutes later the police arrived and arrested him. He has since been released but is thought to be effectively under house arrest. Mr Wetherill did not appear to have been injured in the attack.

The couple's children — daughters of eleven and six and a son aged nine — are being looked after by another family in the Shell compound. Mrs Wetherill's mother Marion Pettit said at her home near Swindon yesterday: "It is too painful for us to talk about."

Mr Wetherill, a field engineer, had worked for Shell for 17 years. A British consul from Lagos was dispatched to Port Harcourt when reports came in that he had been detained. A spokesman for the High Commission said yesterday it was still awaiting a report from the diplomat and the situation appeared confused.

The robbery rate in Nigeria is increasing, with Nigerians as well as westerners affected. On Monday, the wife of an Israeli diplomat was murdered by robbers in the town of Akure. A couple from the Finnish embassy were wounded in the same attack.

A Nigerian observer said it was common practice for the police to arrest anybody in the vicinity of a murder or serious attack. A German woman detained on suspicion of assaulting her husband was freed when he recovered and told police she was innocent.

Shell prides itself on providing good security for employees. A Shell employee told *The Times*: "If there's any place that's safe, it's Port Harcourt. There's never been any robbery there. The power doesn't go off. It's well lit. It's patrolled by police dogs with strict security at the gates of the estate and the houses are all close to each other."

The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria produces roughly half of Nigeria's daily production of oil totalling two million barrels. It is the biggest multinational oil company in Nigeria and has often been the target of protests by the indigenous peoples of the delta area who are poverty stricken despite the fact that most of Nigeria's wealth is derived from there.

Neighbour accused of fatal fire

BY LIN JENKINS

TWO young women were burnt to death by a neighbour who started a fire after a dispute with them, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Geraldine King, a secretary, and her flatmate Amanda Lofting, an unemployed shop assistant, both 22, were burnt beyond recognition in the fire which engulfed their north London home. Enda Doyle, 29, a painter and decorator of Wembley, denies two charges of murder and two alternative charges of manslaughter.

Rosina Hare, for the prosecution, said Mr Doyle had been out drinking with his girlfriend when he returned and annoyed the women by banging doors, running up and down stairs and turning up the volume of his television.

The women asked him to be more considerate and there was an argument, after which Mr Doyle set light to the room using an inflammable liquid. Ms Hare described the victims as "two pretty women, full of vitality, who enjoyed life".

The court was told that as the flames spread a woman neighbour saw Miss King lying at the top of the stairs and heard her scream for a few seconds. Mr Doyle, who denies knowing how the fire started, escaped to the back garden.

The hearing continues.

Post-mortem confirms death by hanging

MP condemns auction of West's 'confession'

BY BILL FROST

FREDERICK WEST, the 53-year-old builder charged with murdering 12 women and girls, died from "cerebral anoxia due to hanging", West Midlands Police said yesterday, after a post-mortem examination.

The confirmation that death was caused by the brain being starved of oxygen came amid anger over reports that a former legal clerk was offering West's "confession" for sale to newspapers for a reputed six-figure sum.

It is understood that several national newspapers were approached by an intermediary on behalf of the unidentified Gloucester-based man, who is believed to have been close to the case. The offer is thought to involve claims that details would be given of how West allegedly killed his victims and his motive for the murders.

Detective Superintendent John Bennett, who is leading the Cromwell Street inquiry, last night said he had no knowledge of such a sale offer. If information was forthcoming it would be investigated, he said.

Roger Gale, MP for Thanet North and chairman of the Conservative backbench media committee, said: "If this story is correct, it's absolutely outrageous. It would be a total breach of professional confidence, and it would call into question the probity of the legal profession, as well as the press."

Mr Bennett condemned increased media speculation about the possible discovery of further bodies, saying it had caused added distress to victims' families. "There are no plans at present to perform any further investigations on any other site," he said.

Commenting on newspaper reports that the death toll might reach 60, he said: "Speculative reporting of this nature does not assist in our inquiry. It is inaccurate, without foundation, it is speculative. There is no foundation whatsoever at this particular time."

Despite claims of lurid and "unbalanced" reporting of West's death on New Year's Day, lawyers yesterday said that the media had not jeopardised the chance of a fair trial for his wife Rosemary, 41, who is accused of nine murders. Jonathan Caplan, QC, a leading member of the criminal Bar, said: "Experience has taught me to be a great believer in the jury system. They will try Mrs West on the evidence, not on the pre-trial publicity.

"I know of only a handful of cases where trials have been abandoned because of what was printed or broadcast before the hearing. To assume the jury can't put that sort of coverage to one side is to greatly undervalue their ability."

Tony Edwards, president of the London Criminal Court Solicitors' Association, said: "I see no reason why his widow should not receive a fair hearing. The jury will decide on the strength of the evidence."

Douglas French, Tory MP for Gloucester, said yesterday that he hoped the Crown Prosecution Service would proceed with the prosecution of Mrs West. "If the case against her does not go ahead there will be legitimate public outcry."

Mr French did not believe coverage of West's death had jeopardised a fair trial for Mrs West. The charges against the couple had received wide coverage before his suicide, making it impossible to find a jury that knew nothing of the allegations. "That's the same with any high-profile case," Mr French said. "I don't think the extra interest since Fred West's death will cause the potential jury to think any differently about the case against Mrs West than they would have done previously.

"There is no greater prejudice against the possibility of a fair trial than there was previously. If the authorities felt they could go ahead before Fred West committed suicide, I cannot see any reason why they should not go ahead now."

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Refugee boy goes walkabout in pyjamas

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

AN ALBANIAN boy who disappeared from his home in south London wearing only his pyjamas was found safe and well yesterday evening.

Dritan Reshiti, 12, who cannot speak English, was last seen outside his home in Purley, south London, yesterday morning. His parents reported him missing after he failed to go back inside the flat.

Dritan arrived in London three weeks ago with his mother, father and younger brother from their home in the Kosova region of Albania. The family are believed to be seeking refugee status in Britain.

The Metropolitan Police used a helicopter and dogs to search the area around Croydon after Dritan, who speaks Italian, was reported missing at 9.30am, wearing red pyjamas and a pair of brown leather shoes and carrying £1. Police said they were "very concerned" for his safety because his clothing was so flimsy and because he could not speak English.

However, after several people telephoned the police to report sightings, Dritan was found eight hours later in the West End of London, still wearing only pyjamas. A police spokesman said that although he was bewildered and cold, Dritan was in good health and was reunited with his parents last night.

"He is safe and well and had not apparently suffered any ill-effects from the sub-zero temperatures," the spokesman said. Police will use an interpreter to talk to Dritan today in the hope of finding out why he left as he did.



Dritan Reshiti: can speak no English



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JP haunted by sex case 22 years ago

THE magistrate who freed Frederick West 22 years ago after he was convicted of sexually assaulting a teenage girl said yesterday that he was still haunted by the case.

West was fined £50 after Gloucester magistrates were told that he stripped, gagged and indecently assaulted the young woman, who was a former lodger at 25 Cromwell Street. John Smith, who was chairman of the bench when the case was heard, said yesterday: "I dealt with hundreds of cases, but not one that has haunted me quite like this. I regret not sending him to prison, but it was a unanimous decision.

"Magistrates can only go on the evidence before them and we felt that a fine was adequate. All the police presented us with was an indecent assault. Of course, if we knew then what we know now, we would have sent him to prison."

The court had been told that in December 1972 West lay in wait for the 17-year-old late at night in the Forest of Dean. She was stripped, bound and assaulted in the back of West's car. She was then driven to his home, where he produced a knife and assaulted her again. She was attacked again the next day before escaping.

Mr Smith, a former Mayor of Gloucester, said that he remembered West as "a docile kind of chap . . . and the police said he was exactly the same with them".

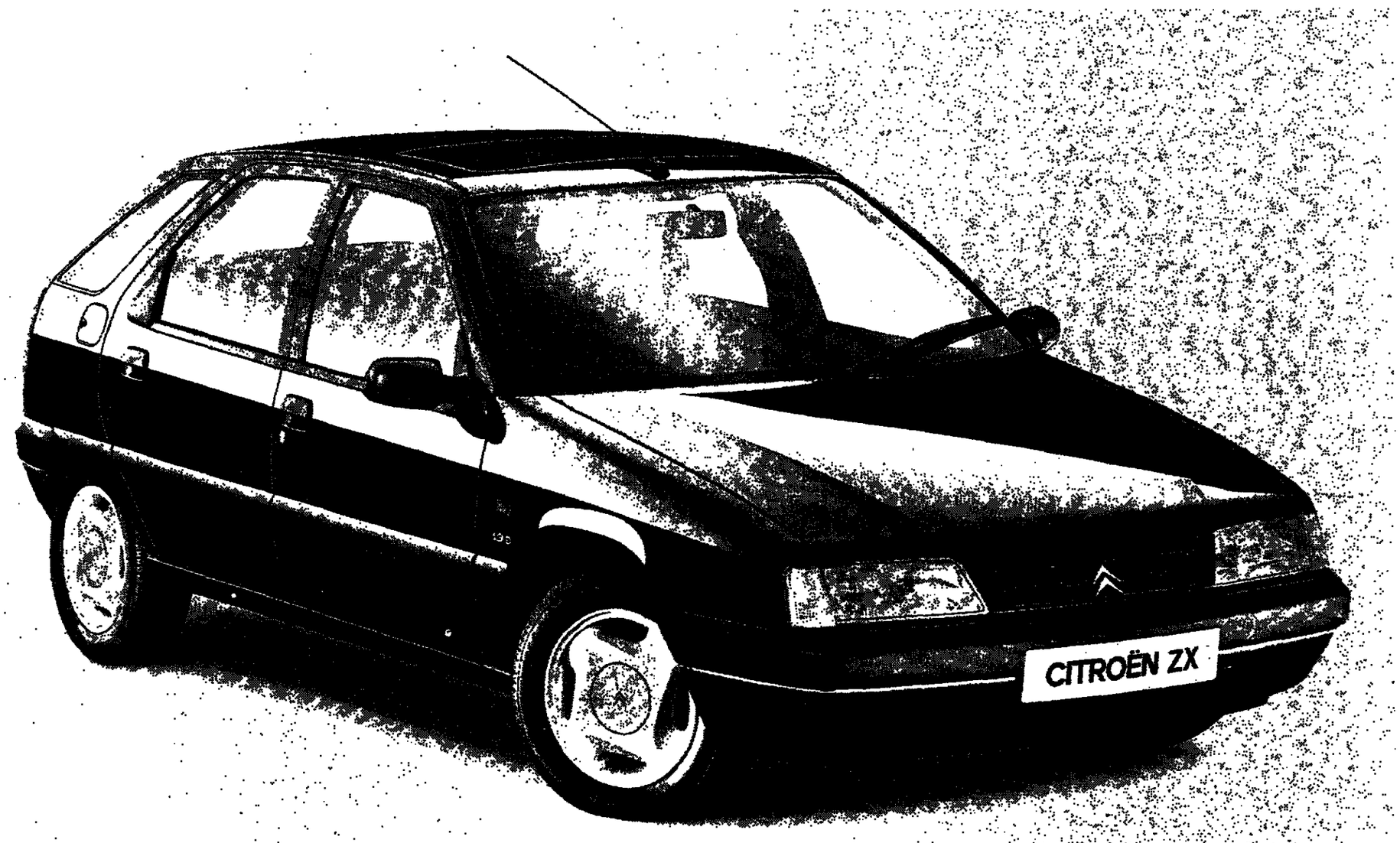


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Port chiefs braced for second night of animal rights siege

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

PORT authorities at Shoreham in West Sussex called for more police protection last night as animal rights activists gathered in force to prevent a further shipment of livestock to the Continent.

About 250 protesters clashed with police on Monday after lying down in the path of lorries carrying calves destined for Dieppe. The police eventually turned the lorries back, saying they could not guarantee the safe embarkation of the animals.

Shoreham is the only port in Britain from which farmers are trying to export livestock. The three main cross-Channel ferry companies, P&O, Stena Sealink and Brittany Ferries, stopped carrying such cargoes at the beginning of November.

Animal welfare groups object strongly to the calf trade, which earned £95 million in 1993, because most of the animals are destined for Holland and France to be reared in veal crates, a form of husbandry banned in Britain on cruelty grounds since 1990.

Philip Lacey, general manager of the Shoreham Port Authority, said: "There were not enough police present on Monday to remove people sitting and kneeling in the road, part of which lies inside the port entrance. This must not happen again. We are entitled to be able to conduct our legitimate business."

Mr Lacey said stones were thrown at dock staff after the police withdrew on Monday. He urged the police to use the powers they have under the aggravated trespass provisions of the new Criminal Justice Act, which make it an offence for anyone to go on private land with the aim of disrupting a lawful activity.

Bob Parry, president of the Farmers' Union of Wales, which has many sheep-exporting members, called for more police to be deployed. "Nobody opposes orderly demonstrations but blatant interference with a legal trade must not be tolerated or we'll be subject to mob rule", he said.

Sussex police said the lorries had been turned away in the interests of safety and added: "We are there to ensure free passage for those having lawful access to the port while at the same allowing those with strongly held views to express those views within the law."

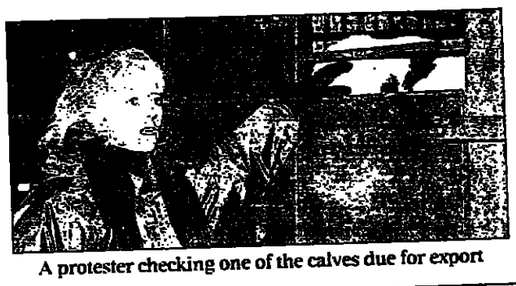
Joyce D'Silva, the director of Compassion in World Farming, warned militant activists that their tactics were prolonging the suffering of the animals. "I imagine those calves had a pretty rough time last night," she said. The organisation said its members protested peacefully outside the port entrance on Monday but had not joined demonstrators obstructing the lorries.

Since the ferry ban calf prices have fallen by about 40 per cent. The calves are surplus males from dairy herds for which the foreign market is virtually the only outlet. By contrast sheep prices have risen by about 20 per cent because of a shortage. Since the ban many are being slaughtered before export.

Yesterday Phoenix Aviation, the air freight company whose leased Boeing 737 crashed near Coventry airport on December 21, said that it would resume livestock flights to the Continent as soon as it could hire another aircraft. The company is undeterred by continual demonstrations outside its Rugby head office and at the airport.



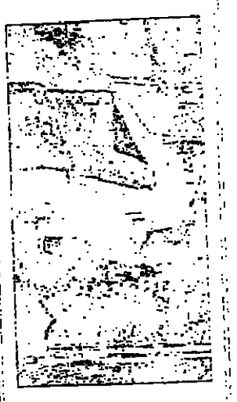
Police trying to dislodge animal rights activists staging a sit-down protest at the port entrance on Monday



A protester checking one of the calves due for export

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Official Aids total passes a million

BY NICK NUTTALL AND SHARMILA DEVI IN GENEVA

THE number of people in the world with Aids has officially exceeded one million. The World Health Organisation said yesterday, however, that it estimated more than 4.5 million people had the disease.

The latest WHO figures show a 20 per cent rise in Aids cases in the past year. In addition, 19.5 million men, women and children are estimated to have HIV, the infection that can lead to Aids. A WHO spokesman said that the disease could affect 40 million by the end of the decade.

In the UK, 9,865 cases of Aids have been reported, which is below many other European countries, including France with 32,722 sufferers, Spain with 27,584, Italy with 24,511, and Germany with 11,854.

The extent of the disease in Africa is putting at risk future generations and the economic prosperity of a continent already blighted by malnutrition, disease and war. However, the Medical Research Council in Britain is studying six prostitutes in The Gambia who seem to have acquired immunity to the disease. Details of the research, published in the latest edition of *Nature Medicine*, indicate that the prostitutes are producing "killer" lymphocytes, disease-fighting cells capable of specifically attacking the virus that can cause Aids.

Dr Sarah Rowland-Jones, one of the British scientists involved, said: "This is an unusual and promising finding. The prostitutes carry signs of exposure to HIV and yet we cannot detect the virus in their blood. There is a distinct possibility that they have produced an immune response that has destroyed the virus."

Aids is most prevalent in Africa, with 70 per cent of the estimated cases. About 9 per cent of cases are in the United States, 9 per cent in the rest of the Americas, 6 per cent in Asia and 4 per cent in Europe.

Woman to challenge rugby ban

A DENTIST who wants to be the first woman on the Rugby Football Union's general committee is campaigning to change the rules that effectively ban women from administering the game.

The rules insist that all committee members be eligible to play for England. The England women's team has associate status only and mixed rugby is banned, so Beverley Davis, 35, who wants to be elected by Cornwall to fill its place on the committee in March, would be barred.

Ms Davis, who is secretary of Helston rugby club, is hoping that her county colleagues will support her campaign for a change in the rules at the RFU's annual meeting in July. She is planning to take legal advice and may also take her case to the Equal Opportunities Commission.

She described the rule as ridiculous. "Most of the existing members are too old to play for England so I cannot see why I should be ruled out just because I am a woman."

Traffic warden 'forced out for doing job'

A TRAFFIC warden who became notorious after giving a parking ticket to a coach carrying disabled people is taking legal action against Devon and Cornwall Police claiming that he was forced into early retirement.

Mike Driscoll, 47, was drafted into Torquay after gaining a fearsome reputation in nearby Brixham. He claims that a few months later he was forced to resign because the police, his employers, did not like the adverse publicity he generated. He followed a bus driver into a public lavatory to give him a ticket and booked a motorist picking up a prescription for his sick wife, as well as booking the coach carrying disabled people.

Mr Driscoll, of Torquay, has enlisted the help of his union, Unison, in seeking compensation but does not want his job back. "I've been penalised for doing my job properly," he said. "When I first started I upset some people in Brixham, where they had had the same traffic warden for years and some of the people didn't like what I was doing. There were complaints about me, but people don't like getting tickets, do they?

"The truth of the matter is that the police didn't like the flak. Once it hit the papers they had me retired on health grounds. But I'm not giving up that easily. I'm fighting it every inch of the way." Devon and Cornwall Police denied that they had driven Mr Driscoll out of his job.

ITV regains festive viewers

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC's traditional lead in the Christmas television ratings was seriously dented by ITV last week after a fierce scheduling battle.

Although BBC1 gained the highest three audiences and seven of the top-ten ratings for Christmas Day, its share of viewing for the day dropped to 48 per cent from 61.2 per cent the previous year. ITV, which achieved only 21.7 per cent audience share in 1993, reached 31.6 per cent in 1994.

ITV's decision to take on the BBC this Christmas, instead of its usual practice of saving its best programmes for the new year, meant that no programme reached many more than 15 million viewers. Last year *Only Fools and Horses* on BBC1 attracted 19.6 million.

The top show this Christmas Day was BBC1's *One Foot in the Grave*, starring Richard Wilson as the unfestive Victor Meldrew, with 15.1 million viewers. Second was the film *Robin Hood Prince of Thieves* on BBC1, with 14.3 million and third *EastEnders*, with 14.2 million. ITV's top programmes were *Heartbeat* with 13.8 million viewers, *Coronation Street* with 12.4 million and *Blind Date*, with 11.96 million, according to figures from the Broadcasters Audience Research Board.



Wilson: top rating as Victor Meldrew

ITV's share of viewing for the week ending on December 25 was 35.3 per cent, a percentage point up on the week ending December 26, 1993. BBC1's Christmas week audience share dropped from 42.2 per cent to 37.1 per cent.

Peter King, television research director at the advertising agency BMPDDB Needham, said: "I think that for once the BBC let their guard down and were taken by surprise. But ITV's victory is a bit of a two-edged sword. While most of ITV's paymasters, the advertisers, do not advertise on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and so are not much affected by viewing figures, they do welcome anything which gives good publicity to commercial television."

The Queen's speech, broadcast by the BBC and ITV at 3pm on Christmas Day, continued its downward slide. Including repeats, the audience was 15.7 million, against 18.1 million in 1993 and 19.6 million in 1992. ITV is considering moving the speech next Christmas to a later slot to make way for feature films.

Despite the increased competition, audiences watched slightly less television on Christmas Day in 1994 than the previous year. The average viewer spent five hours and 22 minutes in front of the set, against five hours and 37 minutes in 1993.

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Heads fight to reject unruly pupils

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers yesterday demanded the withdrawal of government guidelines that require state schools to admit disruptive pupils. The education of the well-behaved majority was being jeopardised, the National Association of Head Teachers said.

The union said head teachers and governors who wanted to refuse places to pupils with behavioural problems had been put in a "straitjacket" by two new government circulars on admissions. These said it was not acceptable for schools to turn children away on the ground that they might disrupt the education of others.

The union cited the case of a comprehensive in southwest England that was forced to admit a pupil with convictions for theft and burglary who had previously been expelled from two schools after the local authority, supported by the Education Department, threatened legal action. In another case, a school in northeast England was told to accept a boy who on a pre-admission visit had attacked a pupil and left him needing hospital treatment.

David Hart, the union's general secretary, said it was prepared to seek judicial review. He said: "Refusals of admission are based on very serious grounds and are not made without anxious consideration of any available alternatives."

Mr Hart added that some pupils who needed specialist education were trailing from one mainstream school to another, and claimed that local and central government "want a bureaucratic solution which passes the buck to schools".

The Education Department said that Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State, was considering the "complex legal issues" raised by the union.

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Tory MPs greet troubles with resignation

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER



Among the Tory MPs who have declared or hinted at their intention to stand down at the next election are, from left, above, Biffen, Speed, Ward, Fairbairn, Sainsbury, Critchley and Scott, and below, Hannam, Renton, Onslow, McNair-Wilson, Thompson, Monro and Spicer



THE Conservative parliamentary party will change substantially after the next general election, irrespective of the result.

The present parliament passed its halfway point only three months ago but an unexpectedly large number of Tories have already said that they will stand down, many in what would usually be considered safe seats. Some have cited exhaustion; others are disappointed at having been dropped in government reshuffles. Over the next few months several more are expected to announce their plans to retire.

Seventeen Tories have announced their decision to leave the Commons in the past 12 months. The most senior is John Biffen, 64, one of only three members of Margaret Thatcher's first Cabinet still in the Commons. Most are relieved, the prospect of a difficult election having become less and less appealing. Most have been MPs for 20 years or more and remember being in Opposition, something they prefer not to repeat.

Those retiring are not wasting their last parliament. Sir Keith Speed, 60, the former Navy Minister who was forced to leave the Thatcher Government in 1981 for opposing defence cuts, was one of the main opponents of Michael Heseltine's Post Office privatisation proposals.

John Ward, a backbench stalwart for 15 years, decided to step down as the MP for Poole then, at the age of 69 in July, was unexpectedly made parliamentary private secretary to John Major.

Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the 61-year-old MP for Perth and Kinross, poet, eccentric and bon viveur, has been in poor health but it did not stop him telling the Prime Minister he was not up to the job. He is disillusioned after more than 20 years in the Commons. "There are too many professional politicians and research officers producing clones fashioned to the whims of the whips," he said.

Eager prospective candidates are already vying for the seats, many of which have large Tory majorities. Sir Tim Sainsbury, a former Industry Minister, held Hove with a majority of 12,268 in 1992. He is retiring and Andrew Elliott has been chosen to fight his seat. Gerald Howarth, former MP for Cannock and a former aide to Baroness Thatcher in her last 16 months in the Commons, has been chosen for Julian Critchley's seat of Aldershot, where he will defend a 19,842 majority.

Sir Keith Speed's seat of Ashford in Kent has a 17,359 majority. After a close battle, the local party has picked Damian Green, a member of the Downing Street policy unit until his selection.

Some sitting MPs who will lose their seats in boundary changes have also been offering to make speeches in colleagues' constituencies in the hope of being chosen should the existing members retire.

Sir Nicholas Scott, the former Social Security Minister whose daughter publicly condemned his action in stalling legislation on the disabled, has hinted to his constituents that he might give up his very convenient, and safe, seat in Chelsea. Its boundaries will change substantially and incorporate part of the present Kensington seat, where the Tory MP is Dudley Fishburn. Candidates are already competing for Sir John Hannam's seat of Exeter.

Tim Renton, 62, the former Chief Whip and MP for Mid-Sussex is one of the most senior figures standing down. Another prominent departure will be that of Sir Cranley Onslow, MP for Woking with a 19,842 majority. He held the chairmanship of the 1922 Committee from 1984 to 1992 and was previously a Foreign Office Minister.

Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson is giving up his New Forest seat, in which he had a 20,405 majority last time. Less attractive is Patrick Thompson's Norwich North seat, where his successor will defend a majority of 266.

Most of the list are solid constituency MPs rather than high-flyers. Sir Hector Monro, a Scottish Office Minister, is one of the longest serving MPs at 71. He will have been MP for Dumfries for more than 32 years. Sir James Spicer, another backbencher of 20 years' standing, is calling it a day at Dorset West, as is Sir Fergus Montgomery, 66, (Altrincham and Sale).

However, the Father of the House, Sir Edward Heath, 76, who has been an MP for 44 years, says he has no intention of retiring.

Freak surge in power blows up appliances

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

FAMILIES fled into the street after a freak surge of electricity blew up household appliances and started small fires in 23 homes, causing damage estimated at more than £20,000.

Elderly people and families with young children on the Coronation Estate in Felixstowe, Suffolk, were taken in sub-zero temperatures to temporary shelter as firemen put out fires and checked a further 50 properties. The surge briefly doubled the voltage and wrecked televisions, satellite dishes, microwaves, cookers, video recorders, freezers, fridges, hi-fi systems, dishwashers and washing machines. Eastern Electricity began an investigation yesterday.

The company blamed workmen who had damaged the underground cable in the cul-de-sac and knocked out the neutral wire, which controls fluctuations in the power supply. Eastern Electricity said it was a rare type of incident and invited householders to send in claims.

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BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Anglo-German race

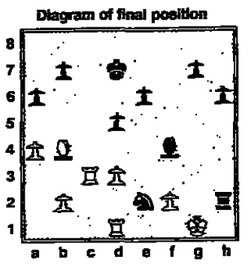
The Vera Menchik memorial tournament at Hastings has developed into a dramatic race between the German grandmaster Thomas Luther and the English grandmaster John Nunn, the defending champion. In round six both won their games to move ahead of the pack. Luther has 5 points from six games, while Nunn has 4. No other player has more than 3.5.

White: Madl
Black: Luther
Hastings, January 1995

French Defence

1	e4	e6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	e5	c5
5	a3	Ba5
6	Bd2	Nc6
7	Nb5	Nxd4
8	Nxd4	cxd4
9	Bb5+	Bd7
10	Bxd7+	Kxd7
11	Nf3	Bb6
12	0-0	Ne7
13	a4	a6
14	Ng5	Qe8
15	Qf3	Bc7
16	Qxd7	Qxd7
17	Nxf7	Rhf8
18	Ng5	h6
19	Nf3	Nc6
20	Rfe1	Rxd3
21	gxd3	Nxe5
22	Kg2	Rf8
23	Ra3	Nc4
24	Bb4	Rf5

Diagram of final position



25	Rd3	Ne5
26	Rb3	Ng6
27	h1	Ne5
28	Kg2	d3
29	cxd3	Rg5+
30	Kh1	Nxd3
31	h4	Rg4
32	Rc1	Bf4
33	Rd1	Rxh4+
34	Kg2	Nd4
35	Rc3	Rh2+
36	Kg1	Ne2+

White resigns

White: Susan Lalic
Black: Thomas Luther
Hastings, January 1995

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nc3	e6
3	f4	Nc6
4	Nf3	a6
5	g3	d5
6	d3	Nf6
7	e5	Nd7
8	Bg2	b5
9	0-0	Be7
10	Qe1	b4
11	Nd1	0-0
12	b3	a5
13	a4	bxa3
14	Bxa3	a4
15	bxa4	Rxa4
16	Nc3	Ra6
17	Nb5	Qb6
18	c4	Nb4
19	Qc3	Bb7
20	Bb2	Rfa8
21	Rxa6	Rxa6
22	Ra1	Rxa1+
23	Bxa1	Qa6
24	Na3	d4
25	Qb3	Qa8
26	Kf2	g5
27	h3	h5
28	fxg5	Nxe5
29	Nxe5	Bxg2
30	Qd1	Bxh3
31	Qf3	Qxf3+
32	Kxf3	Bxg5
33	Nb5	f6

White resigns

Three share lead

In the challengers' section, the lead is shared by three players on 5 points: the Russian grandmasters Eduard Gufeld and Ruslan Sherbakov and Keith Arkell of England.

Winning Move, page 40

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer South **Love all**

	♠J84 ♥765 ♦9752 ♣K73	
♠52 ♥Q104 ♦10863 ♣A1082	N W E S	♠A97 ♥K9832 ♦J4 ♣Q94
	♠KQ1063 ♥AJ ♦AKQ ♣J65	

S	W	N	E
2NT (1)	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣2

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

(1) 20-22 points. (Is 22 more or less likely than 20 points? See "Frequency" below)

What should declarer play from dummy at trick 1?

Answer: To make a certain trick out of the clubs South should duck the opening lead. But the object of the exercise is to make nine tricks in 3NT, not one trick in clubs. The point is, if East gets in at trick one he will be able to switch to hearts, and unless the hearts are 6-2 with East having no entry the contract is bound to be beaten.

So go in with the king of clubs. If it loses to the ace, you were going to go down anyway. If the king wins, you clear spades and will be all right provided the clubs were initially 4-3; the lead of the two rather suggests that.

Frequency: the further a hand is away from the average, the less frequently it occurs. I think it is something to do with the Second Law of Thermodynamics. A 20-point hand crops up about three times as often as a 22-point hand.

☐ From time to time readers ask me for good sources of bridge books. The main specialist bookshop in London is Chess and Bridge Ltd, 369 Euston Road, NW1 3AA (071-388 2404). The magazine *International Popular Bridge* (0115 942 2615) has a comprehensive mail order department.

Venture trips 'backfire on office life'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

EXECUTIVES sent on adventure training courses to improve their motivation and hone their leadership skills benefit only if they are on the winning team. Those who fail to meet the physical challenge may return to the office worse off, according to a study.

About 40 companies in Britain provide Adventure-Based Experiential Learning for their employees. The courses involve setting teams tasks such as crossing a river using only three pieces of wood and a length of string.

They were the idea of Kurt Hahn, founder of Gordonstoun School, whose aim was to provide people with an opportunity to "defeat their defeatism". However, a study of 160 who went on the courses found that the benefits felt by those on the winning teams were outweighed by the negative effects on those who lost. As most companies send departments to compete against each other, this could destabilise relationships when they return to the office, the researchers say.

Dr Adrian Ibbetson of the University of Birmingham and Dr Sue Newell of Warwick Business School, who presented their findings to a conference of the British Psychological Society in Warwick yesterday, suggested that teams should not be given marks so there were no winners or losers.

The conference was also told that workers faced increased stress as they entered an "age of insecurity" because of more contract and freelance work. White-collar staff in particular work long hours and fear for their jobs because of cost-cutting, according to Professor Cary Cooper of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

Sickness absence is likely to rise because of "work overload", he said. "We are entering a freelance culture which is frightening people because they will have to learn how to market themselves. They will have to sell their services for short-term contracts and may have more than one employer."

Teachers, doctors, social workers and managers were among those who felt insecure. "They are burning themselves out because of their overloaded work and still feel insecure. I am seeing increased levels of stress as the 'feel-bad' factor continues," Professor Cooper said.

He added that dozens of court cases were pending after last year's landmark ruling, in which a social worker was told to expect six-figure compensation for loss of career after suffering two nervous breakdowns because of his "excessive" workload.



MICHAEL POWELL

Sir John Gielgud after unveiling the plaque to Oscar Wilde, "a splendid author and a marvellous talker", at the Theatre Royal yesterday



Wilde: literary fame ended in disgrace

Oscar is talk of the town again

SIR John Gielgud led tributes yesterday to Oscar Wilde, who died in Paris on November 30, 1900, little more than three years before Sir John was born (John Young writes).

The occasion was the unveiling of a plaque in honour of the poet and playwright outside the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, in London, where 100 years ago yesterday his play *An Ideal Husband* had its first performance. The tributes must have delighted the ghost of the Irish aesthete, who once famously declared that the only thing worse than being talked about was not being talked about.

Sir John, who will be 91 in April, described Wilde as "a brilliant, witty man. Not only was he a splendid author, he was a marvellous talker."

Sir John doffed his hat in memory of the man who scandalised London with his homosexual affair with Lord Alfred Douglas, and who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Reading gaol for gross indecency.

It was Wilde's decision to bring a libel action against Lord Alfred's father, the Marquess of Queensberry, that led to his disgrace and bankruptcy. But, although Queensberry's behaviour was thought by many at the time to be vindictive, the presence of both the present marquess and Wilde's grandson, Martin Holland, at yesterday's ceremony showed that the hatchet has been long buried.

Mr Holland said: "My father and David [the present marquess's father] were great friends, and he dedicated a book to my father."



Lord Alfred: affair scandalised society

Women workers boost car growth

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

INSTITUTE OF BRITISH GEOGRAPHERS

THE 1980s was the decade of the car, as tens of thousands of commuters deserted public transport to drive to work.

Figures from the 1991 Census show an "explosive" growth in the number of people driving to work in the Manchester and Birmingham areas, a study shows. In those two conurbations, energy consumed per job by journeys to work rose by 40 per cent between 1981 and 1991.

London was the exception, Dr Nigel Spence of the London School of Economics will tell the Institute of British Geographers' conference at the University of Northumbria today. There the growth of car trips linked to jobs was only 7 per cent over the decade, largely thanks to the highly developed public transport system.

A big reason for the sharp increases in Greater Manchester and the West Midlands was the greater use of cars by women. "Car usage has been growing steadily for decades," said Dr Martin Frost of King's College London, a co-author of the paper. "But now for the first time we are seeing women using cars to go to work, which has added a new twist to an existing trend. Cities are also spreading and jobs have been decanted to the fringes and beyond, where cars are the only practicable means of transport."

Buses were the main victims of the switch to cars. In Greater Manchester 100,000 fewer commuters used buses in 1991 than in 1981. The shift means that while in 1981 jobs in London were the most energy-intensive of the three conurbations, by 1991 they were the least.

☐ The British would rather save money than save the world, a pilot study into attitudes towards energy-saving campaigns suggests.

The conference was told that 200 people in a survey said that they saved energy by turning off lights and turning down the heating. But Dr Ragnar Löfsted of Surrey University said they did so to save money, not because they had been impressed by the Government's campaign on global warming.

GPs losing £6m in grants

THE Health Department's bill for payments to GPs working in deprived areas would rise sharply if up-to-date census figures were used to calculate the amounts due, the conference will be told today.

The payments, introduced in 1990, are still based on 1981 Census data, Dr Martyn Senior of the University of Wales in Cardiff will say. If the payments were based in 1991 data they would rise from £28.9 million to £35.1 million. Doctors in deprived parts of London would get almost £3 million extra.

Britain 'thwarting EU pollution laws'

BRITISH bathing waters and coastal fisheries are dirtier than they should be because the Government has systematically excluded them from EU anti-pollution directives, the conference was told.

Dr Neil Ward said that the policy was one of strictly limiting the number and size of areas designated for special protection. A striking example came in the 1980s when Brussels issued a directive covering shellfish waters.

The Environment Department sent a guidance note to the regional water authorities that said: "Water authorities should aim to designate only a small number of waters which either already meet the appropriate standard or which are capable of doing so by October 1987 after improvements which are already programmed." As a result, only 29 shellfish waters out of 164 were designated for protection, and no actual improvements were achieved.

Dr Ward said the Government liked to give the impression that if adhered to pollution laws, but strived to limit their impact.

PC denies stealing pools cash

A policeman who ran a pools network fiddled the figures and stole money to pay for a holiday, a jury was told yesterday. PC Derek Edmonds, 43, is alleged to have pocketed about £320 during two weeks in 1992.

Bradford Crown Court was told that the shortfall was spotted by staff at Littlewoods while PC Edmonds, a beat officer in Garforth, Leeds, was on the week-long holiday. He denies four charges of false accounting, two of forgery, two of furnishing false information, and theft. The trial continues.

Taking pains

An unidentified man found dead with wrist injuries in a Dublin flat had left notes for police and his landlady apologising for the incident. He had also paid an undertaker £1,600 for a funeral and burial, and asked for a receipt.

Justice tempered

Judge Bull, QC, stopped a case in Guildford, Surrey, because the court room was too cold. The case against Gerald Wilson, accused of burglary and handling stolen property, was adjourned for 24 hours.

The heat is off

British Gas has backed down over a threat to sue Jane Brodie, a former part-time clerk at their Oxford office, who was overpaid £4 in wages. A spokeswoman said overpayment procedure was being reviewed.

Cub leader jailed

A Cub Scout leader who sexually abused four boys in his troop was jailed for 2½ years. Thomas McIntyre, 49, of Halewood, Merseyside, assaulted the boys while they were at camp over eight years in the 1980s.

Jogger mystery

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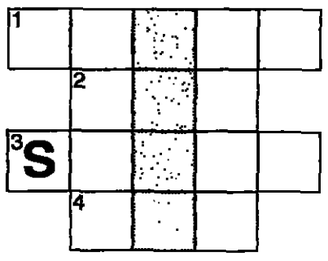
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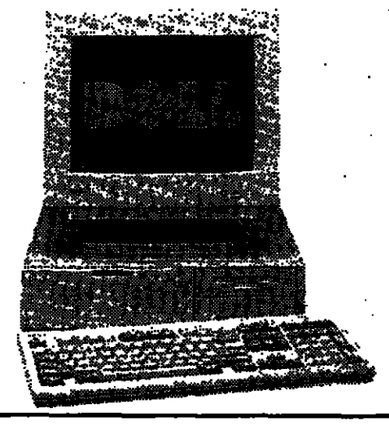
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Russian generals, politicians and human rights activists decry military fiasco in Chechenia

Motley alliance emerges against Yeltsin adventure

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AN unlikely alliance of army generals, ambitious politicians and well-meaning human rights activists could be galvanised into a powerful new opposition against President Yeltsin if his military campaign in Chechenia continues to falter.

As reports from Grozny, the Chechen capital, suggested that Russian troops had spent a fourth consecutive day unable to subdue Chechen irregulars, a similarly motley collection of President Yeltsin's opponents is hoping to repeat the victory in the growing political battle in Moscow.

Probably the first people to gain from the military fiasco unfolding in the Caucasus are senior army officers, who for some time have been hostile to the Kremlin leadership. They were among the first to come out publicly against using force to reimpose Moscow's rule over the breakaway republic. No less than five generals, including three deputy defence ministers and one commander in the field, have openly criticised the operation in Chechenia as unconstitutional and ill-conceived.

Foremost among them is the charismatic and outspoken commander of the 14th Army in Moldavia, Lieutenant-General Aleksandr Lebed, whom many regard as a possible candidate in the presidential elections next year.

An Afghan veteran and paratroop commander, his stinging attack on the incompetence of the operation was primarily directed at General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, now personally in command of the bloody assault on Grozny. More recently, however, he has blamed Mr Yeltsin directly for the action, remarking on Sunday that "constitutional order cannot be restored with artillery".

At the Defence Ministry in Moscow, a similar argument has been voiced by Colonel-General Boris Gromov, the last commander of Russian forces in Afghanistan, and another possible presidential hopeful nexy year. He is facing dismissal for comparing Mr Yeltsin's decision to send troops into Chechenia with the invasion of Afghanistan by the former Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev, both of whom he claimed had little regard for troops' lives.

While the generals have risked their military careers in opposing their commander-in-chief, Russian politicians have also staked their credibility by challenging Mr Yeltsin. The most vocal critic has been Yegor Gaidar, the former Yeltsin ally and reforming Prime Minister, whose Russia's Choice party has led daily attacks on the Kremlin's military escapade in protests from Moscow to Grozny's front lines.

Although he has won respect for his principled stand on Chechenia, concrete political gains are more likely to go to his liberal ally, Grigori Yavlinsky, the head of the Yabloko faction, who has been the Kremlin's most consistent critic on Chechenia. According to a recent poll by the All-Russian Public Opinion Centre, Mr Yavlinsky, a young populist figure, is the country's most trusted politician with support running at 35 per cent, far ahead of his rivals.

Other figures hoping to exploit the country's strong anti-war sentiment belong to the more traditional opposition groups, such as Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist leader, and Aleksandr Rutskoi, the conservative former Vice-President who led the failed 1993 uprising against Mr Yeltsin.

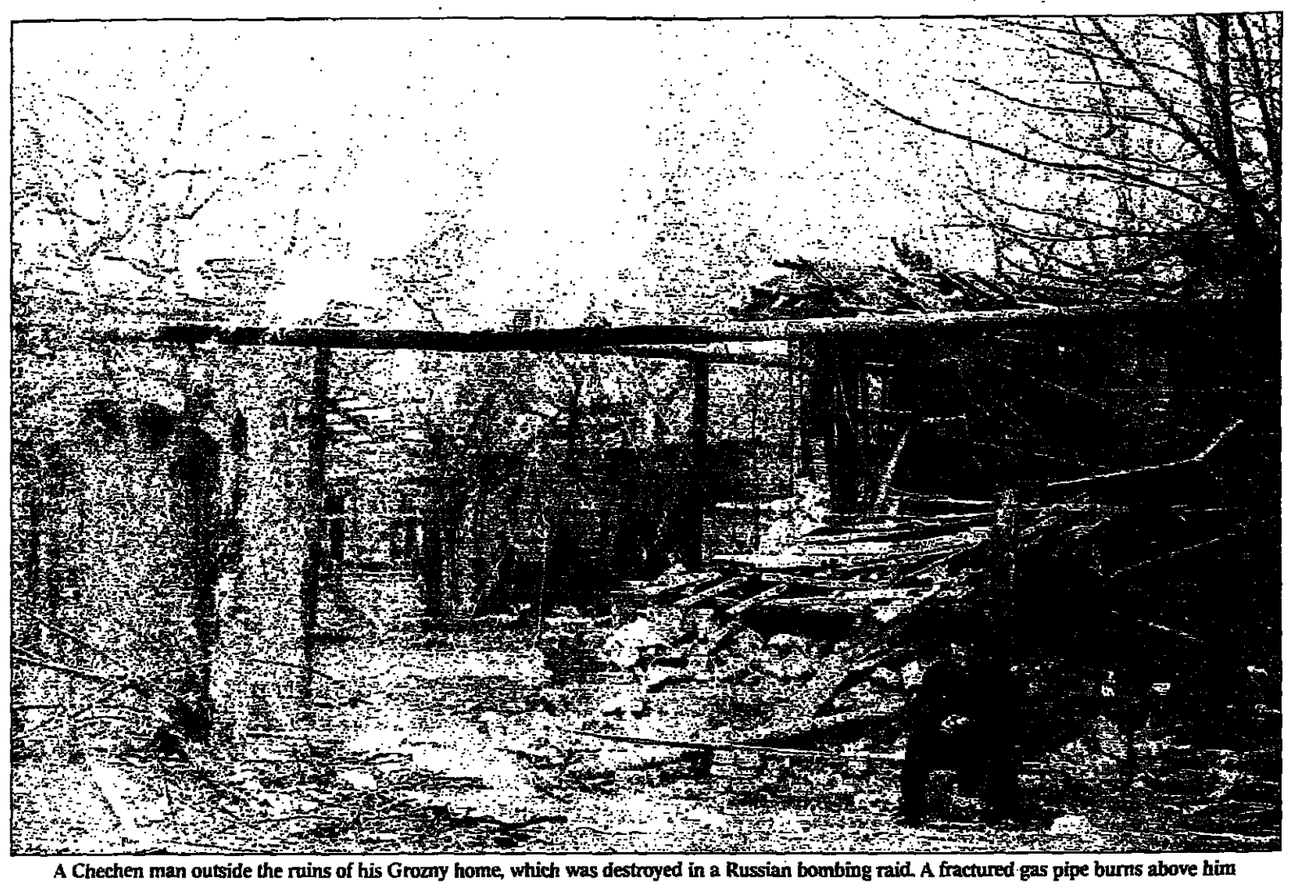
While much of the political opposition to the war smacks of sheer opportunism, some politicians are likely to emerge from the conflict with their reputations enhanced whatever the outcome of the military operation. Sergei Kovalyov, Russia's human rights commissioner and a parliamentary deputy, has spearheaded the anti-war lobby at great personal risk from an apartment in the centre of the fighting in Grozny.

Mr Kovalyov, who is considering withdrawing from politics to devote himself to human rights issues, was described on Russian television recently as the "keeper of Russia's conscience", the title once held by the late Andrei Sakharov.

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Generals Gromov, left, and Lebed, veterans of the Afghan war who have denounced the campaign in the Caucasus



A Chechen man outside the ruins of his Grozny home, which was destroyed in a Russian bombing raid. A fractured gas pipe burns above him

Time running out for Clinton fence-sitting

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON and his advisers are dismayed by the onslaught against Chechenia, but their criticism has been muted out of support for President Yeltsin and a conviction that a break-up of Russia is not in America's interests.

With each passing day, however, the televised horror from the front line makes Washington's tepid responses more difficult to justify. Pictures of decapitated Chechen women and children have already eroded support for Mr Yeltsin among the incoming Republican majority on Capitol Hill.

Serious doubts are being raised about the steadiness of the Russian President's leadership and his disdain for democracy. He is frequently referred to privately as behaving like a tsar. There is talk of further American aid to Russia being at risk.

Washington's fear is that a successful break from Moscow by the Chechens would lead to defection attempts by other republics with ethnic minorities that could lead to further violent clashes, a disintegration of authority and a potentially catastrophic loss of central control over Russia's nuclear weapons. In restive Tatarstan, for example, there are two nuclear weapons plants and six ballistic missile bases.

As so often happens, the Clinton Administration had managed to muddy the position of the United States. Last Saturday, the State Department said that the Russians must stop using indiscriminate force in the rebel Caucasus republic. Later the same day, Mr Clinton said: "They are dealing with it the best they can."

In a clarification, Anthony Lake, the president's National Security Adviser, said the Administration fully supported Russia's territorial integrity. The issue was not whether Chechenia should be a part of Russia, but the military tactics that should be used to crush its quest for independence.

Mr Lake said the Administration was seriously concerned that the tactics so far had led to many more deaths than need have occurred and had created tens of thousands of refugees. The war on the Chechens had caused deep divisions within Russian society that were also a concern, because America had a tremendous stake in a healthy and democratic Russia. "From the beginning, we've been saying to the Russians publicly and privately that we hoped this could be resolved both quickly and with as few civilian casualties as possible," said Mr Lake.

Robert Dole, the leader of the Senate's Republican majority, said bluntly that Russia's use of force would "turn off" the American people and Congress. "This is a no-win situation for Yeltsin and an indication that democracy may be on the brink of failure," Mr Dole said. As a result, President Yeltsin's request for more aid from Congress would be a "big, big hurdle to jump".

The question of whether Mr Yeltsin would still be in office a year from now was "probably a close call", according to Mr Dole, who said that the war in Chechenia had inspired Russian nationalists, giving them more force and making them more effective in a way that could even lead back to the Soviet system. Americans fear that if Mr Yeltsin does fall, it will be in a nationalist coup led by the likes of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the hardline self-styled "Liberal Democrat" who loathes the West and wants to regain all the lands lost by the Soviet Union.

Some American critics say that former President Bush and Mr Clinton were wrong to put so much faith in Mr Yeltsin's ability to govern. "You can't base a political system on one individual," said Harvey Blazer, a Russian expert at Georgetown University, Washington. "We want stability and we're afraid that any alternative to Yeltsin will be worse. But that doesn't mean we should encourage him." Human rights groups are also berating Mr Clinton for not speaking out against the killing of Chechen civilians.

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Moscow has repeated strategic mistakes of tsar and Stalin

Kremlin conjures up a disaster

■ The Chechenia campaign has chilling echoes of blunders by tsar and dictator, writes Anne McElvoy

WHEN even the Russian government press centre in the besieged Chechen capital, Grozny, admits that a "very tense" situation has necessitated "regrouping" and "reconsideration of tactics", the scale of Moscow's military disaster cannot be ignored.

The latest defeat, in which Russian forces were beaten back by lightly armed defenders and lost, by their own admission, "several dozen" tanks and armoured vehicles, may prove to be the turning point in a conflict so appallingly handled that it invites the question whether President Yeltsin's misadventure is the result of a cock-up or a conspiracy by his advisers.

The basic strategy of using tanks and armoured personnel carriers, backed up by bombing raids, to capture a city has gone predictably awry. It was never much more than a terror tactic anyway, its success predicated on the Chechens turning tail as the first buildings crumbled and the tanks rolled in.

But the Russians should have known from the lessons of the lengthy and bitter wars for conquest of the Caucasus in the last century that one thing Chechens do not lack is fighting spirit. It remains a mystery why the Kremlin expected to be able to secure victory without a big infantry offensive.

In 1844, Tsar Nicholas I made a similarly ill-timed push for mastery of Chechenia. Disappointed in his general staff, he insisted on running the campaign himself, sending instructions by courier from St Petersburg. The result was a disastrous assault, after which the Russians were beaten back and isolated in the mountains.

A settlement was not reached on Russian rule over Chechenia until 1857. This time too, command is being run from the Russian capital.

General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, has taken it on after General Ivan Babichev, commander of the 19th Motor Rifle Division in the northern Caucasus, resigned at the beginning of the conflict, saying that he was not prepared to attack unarmed civilians. The general staff, last resort of discipline in the chaotic Russian military, has been sidelined in the operation, for reasons doubtlessly linked to its scepticism towards Mr Yeltsin's leadership and splits in the army command. There has been a baleful silence from this quarter on the progress of the war.

> "This is a culmination of the incompetence and corruption that are rife in the military leadership"

Sundry history lessons have been roundly ignored so far. The defenders of Grozny have been able to turn the strength of their opponents against them, using the rubble razed by tanks and bombing as guerrilla territory, where they can create bunkers and weapons stores from which to surprise the Russians.

No anecdote better illustrates the inverted relationship of power than that of the Chechen explaining how groups of 30 defenders were able to locate and destroy Russian tanks with the help of information from local people after the Russians had "got lost in the fog".

This is a scenario gruesomely familiar from Afghanistan, and Moscow's eventual defeat there cannot be far from the minds of the attacking troops and their officers.

Kremlin hopes of a brief, neat conflict are reminiscent of the winter war that Stalin waged on Finland in 1939-40. Furious that his forces were falling prey to ski-borne guerrillas who blew up tanks with primitive petrol bombs, Stalin dismissed the command and had the war run from Moscow. It took until March to subdue the Finns, at such cost that Khrushchev later referred to the operation as "a military victory, but a moral defeat".

The failure to subdue Chechenia is particularly ironic in view of post-Soviet Russia's new military doctrine, announced by General Grachev with much fanfare in 1993. He promised a switch in emphasis from tank-dominated forces, structured primarily for cross-frontier conflicts, to lightly armed, highly mobile "rapid reaction forces".

No such structured approach has been taken in Chechenia. The crack 24th Motor Rifle Division has mysteriously not been deployed. Russian fighting forces have instead been raised seemingly ad hoc from whatever units were close at hand. It is as if the Chechens, not the Russians, had chosen the timing of the battle.

"This is a culmination of the incompetence, corruption and mismanagement which is rife in the military leadership," said Professor John Erickson, director of defence studies at Edinburgh University. "They don't give a damn about their soldiers. The only Russian officers with a right to be proud of themselves are those who turned their backs on this fiasco at the start."



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Israeli killings of Arafat police cast pall over talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Middle East peace process stumbled alarmingly yesterday as talks between Israel and the Palestinians reopened in Cairo, with bitter recriminations over the killings of three Palestinian policemen by Israeli troops and a potentially explosive dispute has developed over the future of Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

Mutual suspicion, now stronger than at any time since the treaty between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation was signed 15 months ago, increased further when a visit to autonomous Jericho by an Israeli minister was cancelled after a row over security. Militant Jewish settlers in the West Bank enclave of Efrat issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the Government to start construction work at a compromise site after rioting erupted over an extension project near an Arab village. Unrest spread to a new land dispute near Nablus where Palestinians protested over the alleged expansion of the Ariel settlement.

The shooting dead of the three policemen in disputed circumstances in the newly autonomous Gaza Strip diminished the chances that Israeli and Palestinian security forces will succeed in co-operating sufficiently to enable the next stage of the Oslo process — Israeli military redeployment in the West Bank — to go ahead as planned. Israeli military sources claimed that the Palestinian police had fired first on an Israeli military patrol and that the Islamic war cry "*Allahu Akbar*" (God is Greatest) had been shouted. PLO leaders insisted that the Israelis had fired first.

Ahmed Tibi, a senior adviser to Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, claimed that one of the Palestinian policemen was shot while sleeping in his bed. An Israeli military spokeswoman said last night that an anonymous caller had alleged during the afternoon that Hamas had kidnapped an Israeli soldier, but no evidence had been found that any soldier was missing.

In Cairo, Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister and leading architect of the peace agreement, tried to play down the shooting of the policemen, claiming that the incident had resulted from a "misunderstanding" and should not be allowed to delay the next round of talks.

"It was a very unfortunate incident. I am sure that the intention of our army was purely to fulfil its mission," Mr Peres said of the killings. He repeated an earlier claim that the Israeli commander had ordered the policemen in Arabic to cease firing. "I regret the loss of life. I hope it will not be repeated," he added.

The three policemen were hailed as "martyrs" of Israeli aggression. Thousands of angry mourners shouting anti-Israeli and anti-American slogans cheered Mr Arafat when he appeared briefly and said in an address to the crowd and the coffins, draped in Palestinian flags: "We will continue in our task, and your blood will light the road to Jerusalem, the capital of Palestine." In remarks guaranteed to inflame right-wing Israelis further, Mr Arafat told the gathering, which included both Islamic militants and members of his mainstream Fatah faction of the PLO: "Let no one think that they can scare us with their stronger weapons, for we have a mightier weapon, the weapon of faith, the weapon of *jihad* (holy war)."

As an Israeli ministerial committee yesterday approved plans to proceed with expanding the Efrat settlement on a compromise site already rejected by Palestinians, PLO officials said that failure to halt Jewish settlement in the West Bank was bound to destroy the peace process in which discussion of settlement issues has been deferred.

Zakariya al-Agha, the member of the 24-strong Palestinian Authority in charge of housing in the self-rule areas, said the Israeli decision gave official sanction to further settlement building.

Tel Aviv: An Israeli military court in the West Bank has sentenced an Arab-American convicted of channelling funds to Islamic militants to five years in prison, the army said yesterday. Mohammed Salah, 41, a naturalized US citizen, was arrested in January 1993 and had been on trial behind closed doors for a year. (AP)



Palestinian police chanting "Death to Israel" yesterday while travelling on a lorry to the funeral of three colleagues killed by Israeli soldiers in the Gaza Strip

Spate of murders alarms whites

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A SPATE of murders, and violent or armed robberies over the new year, has alarmed South African whites.

There is a growing feeling among conservative commentators that the plans for creating a more "representative" police force which were announced by Sydney Mufamadi, the Police Minister, are at best ill-timed.

The murder victims included a Danish tourist, who was found apparently strangled on a farm in the Orange Free State. In Johannesburg, a police reservist, a young businessman from the suburb of Sandown, was shot dead by a gang of thieves when he spotted them holding up a garage, while in Cape Town police reported at least 19 murders over the weekend.

Violence by blacks against blacks was also in full flood. Four hundred patients were treated on New Year's Eve at Baragwanath hospital in Soweto, with another 460 on Sunday. Mr Mufamadi's plans for the police include a redeployment of its generals and the appointment of many more black divisional chiefs.

India agrees to buy fabled royal jewel collection

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

After more than 20 years of argument, the Indian Government has decided to buy the fabled jewels of the Nizam of Hyderabad, one of the world's most fabulous private collections, assembled by one of India's most renowned sybarites.

Mir Osman Ali Khan, the seventh and last of the nizams, was among the richest men in the world and contributed lavishly in funds and manpower to Britain during the First World War.

King George V was impressed: in 1918, he elevated the nizam to "His Exalted Highness" and conferred on him the title "faithful ally of the British Government", which became part of the family crest.

The nizam donated £25 million to Britain at the outbreak of the Second World War. He died in 1967, leaving



George V: honoured nizam for his support

130-odd heirs to fight for shares of his diamonds, emeralds, rubies, sapphires, pearls and gold, plus several palaces, business enterprises — including a sugar factory — and large tracts of land.

Six of the former palaces are in Hyderabad; most are crumbling and neglected.

Without government intervention, the 173 pieces of his jewellery collection, held in bank vaults in Bombay and valued at £40 million, might have been auctioned abroad. Its future has been debated since 1972, when the two trusts that own the collection urged Indira Gandhi, then the Prime Minister, to buy it.

She said that the Government was not interested. The jewels would have been sold abroad long ago but for legal intervention by Princess Fatima Fauzia, a member of the erstwhile royal family.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1979, however, that the pieces could be sold abroad, at an auction which was scheduled to be held on court premises on September 20 of the same year. International buyers drooled at the prospect.

The Government changed its mind at the eleventh hour by declaring that the nizam's jewels were art treasures and therefore could not leave the country.

The auction was cancelled. Since then, there has been fierce argument between the Government and the trustees over the value of the pieces, especially 37 of the most spectacular items.

The two sides reached final agreement on the price in 1993 and the Government said it would pay for the jewels in six instalments. The trusts rejected the arrangement; the Supreme Court agreed and directed the Government to pay in full.

And there events stalled, until the Supreme Court again intervened at the behest of the trusts. It forced the Government's hand by directing that the trusts could invite bids from foreign buyers after January 16. The court had earlier given a deadline of December 31 but yielded to a government appeal for more time.

The Lok Sabha (lower house of parliament) approved funds to buy the collection. However, the Rajya Sabha (upper house) did not get around to ratifying the decision in its last session.

That potentially disastrous lapse was resolved by the discovery of a loophole in the parliamentary rule book, allowing the money to be handed over to the relevant government department.

All that is left now is to work out the final details. The Government must produce all the cash by January 16 or the deal will collapse.

Lavish arrangements will have to be made to ensure safe custody of the jewellery to a location, which has yet to be disclosed, for eventual public viewing.

The current nizam, Prince Mukarram Jha Bahadur, whose title is honorary, lives in Western Australia. Tax authorities are inclined to pounce on him whenever he visits India, which he does rarely.

Some family assets, including a palace or two, have been seized in lieu of tax, and estate duties have been demanded by both the central Government and the state administration of Andhra Pradesh.

The largest stone in the nizam's collection is called the Jacob diamond, which weighs 185 carats. Hyderabad has been yielding diamonds since the 17th century; the largest, the Koh-i-noor (Persian for "mountain of light"), weighing 787 carats, was discovered near Hyderabad on the banks of the Krishna river in 1656.

Ownership of the Koh-i-noor passed to the Moguls, Iranians, Afghanis and then to Ranjit Singh, greatest of the Sikh leaders. Britain finally acquired it when the East India Company annexed Punjab in 1849.

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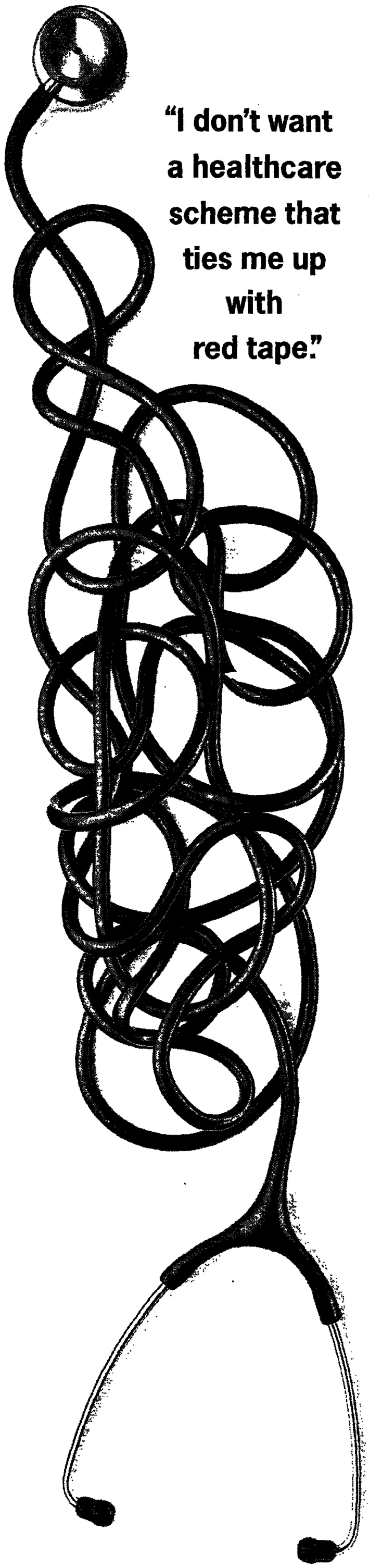
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Republicans roll up for Capitol Hill revolution

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AT NOON today a clerk will bring the new 104th Congress to order, Newt Gingrich will be sworn in as House Speaker, and the much-heralded Republican revolution will commence.

Eight hours of votes on measures to reform Congress and restore public confidence in that battered institution will be followed by a 99-day legislative blitz designed to transform America by rolling back big government. For the first time in 40 years, the Republicans will take control of both congressional houses, and the excitement and anticipation in Washington is almost comparable to a presidential inauguration.

Two years ago, President Clinton arrived in the capital with hugely ambitious plans that stalled in the face of Washington's famous institutional inertia. Now it is the Republicans' turn to see if they can deliver on their equally far-reaching promises. If they succeed, today could mark the start of a long era of Republican government at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue. If they fail, many commentators believe a new third party could rise on the back of public dissatisfaction with the two old parties that is greater now than during the Depression.

On the surface, Mr Gingrich's prospects look good. He has a clear mandate for radical change. His House Republicans, especially the 73 newcomers, are bursting with energy and purpose. Democrats are demoralised and unsure whether to confront or co-operate: the President is gravely weakened.

Mr Gingrich's challenge, however, is to keep the Republicans united while generating sufficient public support for his programme that congressional Democrats, the President, and the Senate's more cautious Republicans will fear to obstruct it. This will not be easy. The Republicans have slim majorities in both chambers — just six in the Senate, which is insufficient to surmount a Democratic filibuster, and 27 in the House.

Moreover, for Mr Gingrich's two proposed constitutional amendments, one mandating a balanced federal budget and the other limiting congressional terms, Mr Gingrich needs a two-thirds majority in each chamber.

The Democrats' strategy is to join battle on issues where they can hope to win over the eight Republican senators and 30 Republican congressmen who are considered centrists. They will challenge Mr Gingrich's plans to cut taxes for all but the very wealthiest families, demand that the Republicans spell out how they would save $200 billion (£128 billion) a year before approving the balanced budget amendment, and press for campaign finance and lobbying reform.

How much of the Gingrich programme the Senate will back is anyone's guess. It is more cautious than the House and its members more independent. Robert Dole, the Senate's Republican leader, is considerably more moderate than Mr Gingrich, but badly wants his party's 1996 presidential nomination, which is in the gift of the Right. He must also avoid being outflanked by Phil Gramm, the conservative Texas senator who is a rival for the nomination.

Public opinion remains fluid. The country has clearly rejected Mr Clinton's government activism, but Democrats believe that the voters will also reject Mr Gingrich's vision of a minimalist government when they see cherished programmes being axed. Equally, they may respond to a rare conviction politician.

Mr Gingrich faces one other immediate problem, and that is the administrative chaos caused by the change of regimes. Many congressmen and senators still lack permanent offices, committee memberships are still not finalised, and hundreds of Democratic staffers have yet to learn if they still have jobs.

☐ **Atlanta:** Mr Gingrich, leaving for Washington with 250 supporters, said the Republicans would make mistakes but told the Democrats they should not become the party that just says "no."

Indianapolis: Dan Quayle, 47, the former US Vice-President, has been admitted to hospital with appendicitis. Mr Quayle, expected to announce his bid for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination soon, was discharged from the same hospital last month after treatment for blood clots in his lungs. *(Reuter)*



John Salvi, 22, a hairdresser accused of murdering two women at abortion clinics in Boston, Massachussetts, appears in court yesterday in Norfolk, Virginia, where he was arrested on charges of shooting at a third clinic. He was remanded in custody

Gingrich tries to clip the wings of TV's Big Bird

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

NEWT GINGRICH, who caused controversy in America by advocating orphanages, yesterday created a fresh uproar on children's topics by attacking funds for two of their favourite television characters, Big Bird and Barney.

The new Republican Speaker in the House of Representatives wants to sever all US government funds for public broadcasting, where Big Bird appears on *Sesame Street* and Barney, a plush purple dinosaur, has his own show.

In typically overheated rhetoric, Mr Gingrich dismissed public radio and television as the province of an elitist "bunch of rich, upper-class people who want their toy to play with". As for Big Bird and Barney, they already made money through retailing and franchising deals. "These are profit-making centres and they would survive fine."

His assault has appalled the leaders of locally-run public broadcasting stations across the United States. They will fly to Washington next Tuesday for an emergency meeting on how to win a reprieve from Congress to keep the funds flowing. Richard Carlson, president of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, said that Mr Gingrich had no idea how the system worked. Far from being elitist, *Sesame Street* and other educational programmes drew much of their audience from the poor. In Los Angeles, board members of the public station KCET are appearing on screen to urge viewers to complain to Congress.

America has no licence fee for television sets and the concept of public broadcasting has always struggled for acceptance, despite such excellent programmes as *Masterpiece Theatre*, which features the best of British television drama. Conservatives have long accused public broadcasting of a liberal bias.



Gingrich: "If you love it, pay for it"

With the spread of cable systems, it is no longer the only network with quality programmes. Mr Gingrich made his attack during an appearance on C-Span, the low-budget channel paid for by the cable industry to cover Congress.

This year the Corporation for Public Broadcasting will receive $285 million (£184 million) from government coffers. The remainder of its budget of $1.5 billion (£967 million) will come from corporate backers, retail sales and the frequent two-week "pledge breaks", the television equivalent of a begging bowl.

Mr Gingrich thinks this pleading for funds is laudable. "If you love it, pay for it," he said. As an example to others, he promised to donate the $2,000 proceeds from one speech every year for the next five years to a privately-funded Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Big Bird and Barney could not be reached for comment.

Hollywood hits put America in the mood for morons

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE top-grossing film over the holidays in America bore the less than alluring title *Dumb and Dumber*. The tale of two sophomoric friends who travel across country in search of Aspen, Colorado — which one thinks is in California and the other in France — has earned $80 million (£32.5 million) in less than a month.

But its success has Hollywood and its critics pondering the "dumbing down" of the American film industry that marked 1994. With Oscar nominations due by next month, voters are finding themselves hard-pressed to name five films out of the record crop of 332 titles worthy of an Academy Award.

The tone was set by the runaway success of *Forrest Gump*, starring Tom Hanks as a man with an IQ of just 70 who sails successfully through life, blissfully unaware of its pitfalls. The film critic Rita Kempley neatly summed up the conventional wisdom in *The Washington Post*: "Movie-goers were in the mood for morons in 1994."

Offerings catering to the juvenile sense of humour included *Airheads* and *IQ*, in which Albert Einstein fixes up his brilliant niece with a mechanic for fear that she will marry an intellectual psychologist.

Another critic, Bonnie Britton, summed up the mood thus: "Film historians consider 1939 to be the high water mark of Hollywood's dream factory with the *Wizard of Oz*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Mr Smith Goes to Washington* and *Stagecoach* among the many gems. Will they someday call 1994 the year of Dim and Dimmer?"

Texas to execute man for murder by sister

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

A MAN convicted of a murder that even his prosecutors now say he did not commit will be executed by lethal injection in Texas today.

The US Supreme Court refused to block the execution and, by 6-3, decided on Monday that it would not intervene to spare Jesse Dewayne Jacobs. In a dissenting opinion, two justices said they found the ruling "deeply troubling".

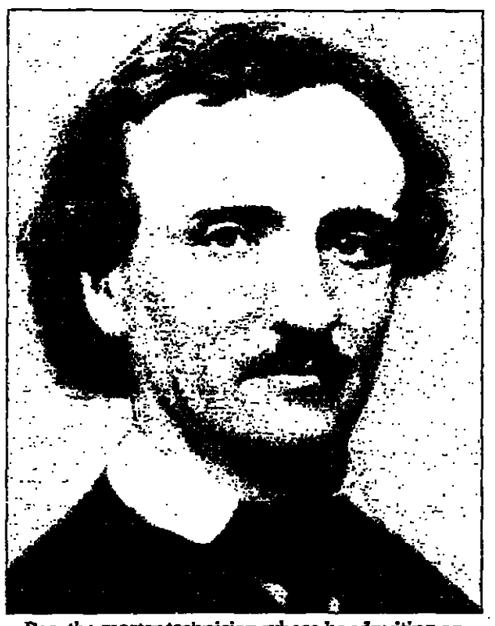
Jacobs was sentenced to death in 1987 after confessing to the murder. He later withdrew his confession, said his sister committed the crime in his presence, and added he made the "confession" because he preferred execution to life imprisonment.

The state of Texas then put his sister on trial for murder. The same prosecutor who secured Jacobs' conviction acted, saying he now believed the sister had pulled the trigger. She was jailed for ten years.

An appeals court conceded the discrepancy, but argued it was "not for us to say" that the original jury was mistaken.

☐ **Belle Glade, Florida:** Five convicted murderers escaped from a jail in southeast Florida by tunnelling out from the prison chapel. *(Reuter)*

Dealer claims to have found new Poe verse



Poe, the master technician whose handwriting on the discovered poem has been authenticated

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A BOOK dealer in New Jersey has discovered what could be a previously unknown poem by Edgar Allan Poe inside a rare Poe first edition he bought at auction.

Don Stine of Ocean Township found the handwritten poem on a blank page at the front of a copy of Poe's *Tales of the Grotesque and Arabesque* inscribed to Poe's cousin, Emily Virginia Chapman.

Mr Stine bought the leather-bound, two-volume work for a client for $63,000 (£42,000) at auction at Christies, but now believes it is a much more valuable work. The presence of Poe's handwritten dedication alone should triple the book's value. A spokeswoman for Christies pointed out that the market set the value of a work, and that the buyer appeared to have got a "bargain".

"I was astounded no one had looked at those pages before. It had been through two auction houses and a collector," Mr Stine said. "If you bought a $63,000 car, wouldn't you kick the tyres a little? I wonder if it went from Poe's pencil right to my eyes," he said. "That's what I find bizarre — that nobody may have ever seen this poem before."

We only part to meet again
Tho mighty boundless
waves may sever
Remembrance oft shall
bring thee near
And I will with thee go
forever
And oft at midnight's silent
hour
When brilliant planets
shall guide the ocean
Thy name shall rise to
heaven's highest star
And mingle with my soul's
devotion.

The handwritten poem

The handwriting has been authenticated as Poe's, but there is no proof that Poe — best known for his such stories as *The Fall of the House of Usher* — actually composed the poem. "Some poems may have been written by Poe's hand, but he may not have composed them,'" said David Kresh, a specialist at the US Library of Congress. "They may have been copied out by him."

Mr Kresh said the rhythm of seventh line of the poem — which appeared to have an extra half beat — made him doubt that it was written by the author of such mellifluous verses as *The Raven* and *The Bells*.

"The scansion on that was a little clunky for Poe, who was a master technician," he said. "It didn't strike me particularly as Poe. It could be anyone in the 19th century, good or bad!"

Christies said the Poe first edition had been handled by its rival Sotheby's and by several private collectors before going on sale at the auction house, and nobody had catalogued the poem inside.

Strike mars Hurd's Bangladesh visit

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS HURD, the Foreign Secretary, arrived in Bangladesh yesterday as its fledgling democracy fought for its life. In Dhaka he saw deserted streets and shuttered shops on the second day of a general strike aimed at toppling the country's first freely elected government.

Mr Hurd praised Bangladesh's economic reforms as he extended aid worth £33 million to the country. A British High Commission statement said he had signed two aid agreements during his meeting with Saifur Rahman, the Finance Minister. The money will be used for gas infrastructure development, bridge improvement and maintenance projects.

Mr Hurd's trip was planned long ago: he stumbled into the chaos created by an opportunistic alliance of opposition parties that normally cannot abide each other. After years of dictatorship, there seem to be new opportunities for undemocratic forces to take control. Mr Hurd on a goodwill visit, kept a diplomatic distance from the turmoil.

In the main business district, riot police fired tear gas and charged crowds; hospitals admitted more than 50 injured people; banks and markets were closed; and attendance at government offices was low.

Hussain Mohammad Ershad, the dictator ousted four years ago, is casting a shadow over events from his Dhaka jail cell, where he lives in relative comfort. His Jatiya Party is among the groups that have boycotted parliament since March on the somewhat spurious grounds that the Government of Begum Khaleda Zia is corrupt and inept.

Whatever the truth of these allegations, they seem scant justification for destroying the struggling democracy, given the shambolic nature of all administrations since the country was created 23 years ago. The general strike is to continue for a third day today, leaving the economy in an even more parlous state and further discrediting the democratic experiment.

About three-quarters of government spending in Bangladesh comes from foreign aid. However, aid routinely disappears into politicians' and bureaucrats' pockets. Ill-gotten wealth co-exists with mass poverty. A Commonwealth mission to Dhaka in November failed to persuade the opposition to end its destructive campaign. Begum Zia, the Prime Minister, has offered to hand power to a neutral caretaker government a month before general elections early next year to ensure that the polls are not rigged — a significant gesture, given Bangladeshi history.

The opposition, led by the Awami League of Sheikh Hasina Wajed, turned her down on the grounds that she intended to remain as caretaker prime minister and so would be able to rig the result. It is demanding that she resign immediately, install an interim administration and call an election. Sheikh Hasina has been joined in her campaign by Jamaat-i-Islami, the fundamentalist Islamic party, which her party has always loathed.

The opposition is threatening to boycott elections if Begum Zia is still prime minister during them. The army is ready to lend its weight if events run out of control.

☐ **Dhaka:** A magistrate's court agreed yesterday to defer the trial of the Bangladeshi writer Taslima Nasreen for 12 days after her lawyers said a petition was pending in the High Court for the charges of blaspheming Islam to be dismissed. Ms Nasreen fled Bangladesh for exile in Sweden last year after Muslim fundamentalists threatened her life. *(AFP)*



In Dhaka, brought to a virtual halt on the second day of a general strike, Bangladeshi troops send a boy on his way

Sri Lanka truce deal rekindles peace hope

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

THE Sri Lankan Government and the Tamil Tiger guerrilla group agreed a truce yesterday in one of the most promising attempts for peace in 11 years of civil war. A formal cessation of hostilities will be announced soon.

There have been peace deals previously, but the election last year of a new administration in Colombo with a fresh approach has brought more opportunities for a negotiated settlement. The Tigers are notoriously fickle, however, and the deal cannot be regarded as anything like the final word.

K. Balapatabendi, the head of a government delegation that has been meeting rebel leaders in their stronghold, the Jaffna peninsula in the north of the island, said the Tigers were "so happy" with the agreement that they decided to release four Sinhalese policemen held for nearly four years.

The Tigers have been waging war for a separate homeland in the north and east, claiming that they faced discrimination and hostility from the Sinhalese majority. Significant progress was made towards peace in 1987 and again in 1989-90, but to no avail.

The truce is a prelude to detailed peace talks, which will face the central question of how much autonomy, if any, should the Tamils be given in the north and east.

Debate will focus on whether the Colombo Government should agree to a federation or confederation in going some way to satisfying Tamil aspirations for autonomy.

British envoys defy death threats by Algerian extremists

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ISLAMIC extremists have warned Britain that, unless it withdraws all its diplomats from Algeria by Saturday they will be killed "in cold blood". But the Foreign Office said that the embattled embassy would remain open.

A Foreign Office spokesman yesterday confirmed that a letter was recently received by the British Embassy in Bern. Written in German, it was similar to messages sent to other Western countries with interests in Algeria.

The German Foreign Ministry would not confirm a report in the weekly magazine *Stern* that the German Embassy in Algiers had received a letter telling all staff to leave by January 7. According to the magazine, the letter was sent from Lyons on December 24 and came from the Armed Islamic Group, the most militant fundamentalist faction which was responsible for the Christmas hijacking of a plane to Marseilles.

The letter said: "After the ultimatum has run out, we can give no guarantees about the lives of foreign nationals." After that, all 'infidels' will be killed in cold blood." The wording was the same in the letter received by the British Embassy in Switzerland.

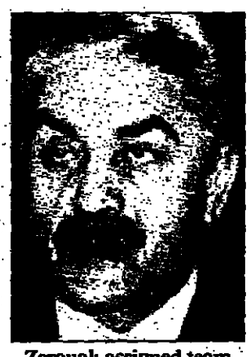
A year ago the Government warned Britons not to travel to Algeria and advised all those in the country to leave. British Embassy staff, housed in a protected compound, have been reduced from six to four in the past month. Remaining British diplomats are being guarded by a Royal Military Police protection team.

The warnings are the latest in a stream of threats to Western interests in Algeria. More than 70 foreigners have been killed since the Armed Islamic Group told foreigners to leave the country last year.

President Zeroual of Algeria yesterday set up a ministerial committee to prepare by the end of June for presidential elections. The committee will be headed by Mokdad Sifi, the Prime Minister, and will include a representative from the Defence Ministry.

French government officials yesterday identified a third of the four hijackers killed in the storming of the Air France plane on December 26. He was named as Salim Layadi, 24, from Kouba in Algeria.

French officials said that all flights to Algeria would remain grounded for several weeks, possibly months.



Zeroual: assigned team to prepare for election

UN chief advocates new focus

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN NEW YORK

UN PEACEKEEPING operations should be streamlined to make them more efficient and allow the world body to focus on long-range social issues, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, said.

In an interview in yesterday's *New York Times* he said that he planned to explain to the Security Council tomorrow why some peacekeeping operations have failed and others have been successful. On this year's 50th anniversary of the United Nations, he told the paper that he wanted to update his 1992 Agenda for Peace and "project a new image of the United Nations after the end of the Cold War, dealing with the problems of tomorrow".

Short-term peacekeeping operations, Dr Boutros Ghali said, were taking up 70 per cent of his time and preventing the UN from concentrating on more pressing issues. "The problems of the environment, of underdevelopment, of the demographic explosion and illegal immigration are long-term problems" that need more attention, he said.

The changes he is expected to propose to the Security Council include clearer mandates to avoid confusion between peacekeeping and enforcement operations, and strengthening a system of unified command.

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Fighting flares in Bihac

Sarajevo: The United Nations pressed ahead with efforts to cement the latest Bosnian ceasefire yesterday, but fighting was reported in the Bihac enclave. The UN blamed renegade Muslim forces opposed to the Sarajevo Government for the clashes. It said the four-month ceasefire could be followed by a meeting this week of officials from the Contact Group on Bosnia. *(Reuter)*

Benefits of EU

Vienna: Prices for food and dairy products in Austria slid further yesterday in the wake of its entry into the European Union, with the country's once protected market now open to competition. *(Reuter)*

Human cargo

Bilbao: The crew of a Russian cargo ship found their cold store full of Ghanaian stowaways when it called at a Spanish port. Nine were caught but four leapt overboard and escaped. *(Reuter)*

Hanging date

Hong Kong: A woman, 25, from Hong Kong, whose execution for drug-trafficking was put off so that she could spend Christmas with her family, will now be hanged in Singapore on Friday. *(Reuter)*

Bodies robbed

Echague, Philippines: At least 29 people were killed, and their bodies plundered by thieves after the bus they were travelling in plunged more than 100ft from a bridge in the northern Philippines. *(Reuter)*

Dolphin rescue

Sydney: Australian marine experts and hundreds of islanders and tourists are racing against time in the tiny South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu to rescue 27 dolphins trapped in a lagoon. *(Reuter)*

East looks West to prop up ailing arms firms

FROM TIM JUDAH
IN BRATISLAVA

FIVE years after the demise of communism, one of Eastern Europe's largest employers and foreign currency earners is on its death bed. The arms industries that once churned out thousands of tanks and millions of bullets every year have practically ground to a halt.

Eastern European defence planners believe that by linking up with Western companies they can revive their production, but so far this remains a forlorn hope.

In 1988, Czechoslovakia was reported to be the world's fifth largest arms exporter. Poland was the seventh and Bulgaria thirteenth, ahead even of West Germany. Today, Poland's arms industry is reduced to production at 20 per cent of its previous capacity. Slovakia, once the regional powerhouse for heavy equipment, has not produced a single tank since 1991. In desperation, its officials have been trawling the Third World for business and touting what they believe is the answer to their problems. It is the recently unveiled T72 M2, a "new and improved" old Soviet-era T72 tank.

Working in co-operation with Western firms, including Britain's GEC-Marconi, the Slovaks have stuffed the T72, the former warhorse of the Warsaw Pact, with various bits of Western high-tech equipment. The theory is that the new version will be almost as good as any Western tank but less than half the price. So far, the Slovaks have had no takers.

The end of the Cold War has devastated Eastern Europe's arms industries on several counts. Most production was destined for the armies of the now defunct Warsaw Pact. Tightly controlled by the Soviet Union, each country of the bloc was assigned to particular manufacturing tasks. So, apart from Russia itself, they depended on each other for the equipment they needed.

Today, with defence budgets a fraction of what they were, Eastern Europe's armies barely have enough cash to keep their existing equipment running, let alone buy new systems.

Hard cash from countries such as Iraq, Libya and Syria, which took a high proportion of exports has dried up, either because they are under UN embargos, have no money or because such sales provoke Western protests.

Meanwhile, the global arms trade has contracted. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute the trade in large items was worth $46 billion (£31 billion) in 1987. By 1993 it was $22billion. In the past year, only the Czech Republic and Bulgaria have made any significant exports. The Czechs make a competitive jet trainer plane, while the Bulgarians have once again hitched their industry to the Russian bandwagon. They make basic hardware and components and, according to a report published in Sofia last week, military exports for last year were up 140 per cent compared to the 1993.

But in general, it seems unlikely that the vast Eastern European combines can ever recover their former glory. Kremlin planners made sure that the Eastern Europeans had few domestic research and development capabilities and these are now far too expensive to begin from scratch.

Western European arms manufacturers who are working on joint ventures in Poland can do limited business but, in the long run, Western firms want to sell to the East, not help the competition recover.

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Who's afraid of the big, bad world?



LIBBY PURVES

THERE USED to be a Fleet Street ritual in which a hapless young reporter was sent out after every murder to pound the streets collecting comments for a piece titled "The Town that Walks in Fear". A contemporary of mine was dispatched on this errand after a stabbing in Southampton in the Seventies, and committed a terrible solecism.

After a few hours chatting to phlegmatic bus queues and untroubled launderette users, she rang her news editor and rashly said: "No, actually, nobody seems very worried: they just say it's another drunken sailor, and what could you expect in that pub?" Her editor roared at her that he didn't know what graduate trainees were coming to, and ordered her to find a terrified housewife or else. In the end, she became a social worker.

She would have done better today. A new poll for a Radio 4 programme confirms what other surveys — and the evidence of one's own ears and in-laws — have long indicated. As a nation we love to Walk in Fear. Our dread of violent crime outweighs the likelihood of our meeting it by a factor of around 12:1. The average person believes that a quarter of us will be victims in the next 12months; the real figure is under 2 per cent. Elderly women are the most frightened — although, since most victims are young men, they really ought to be worrying about their grandsons.

The producer, Sue Davies, has described fear of crime as a neurosis of the age, as sex was for the Victorians. But in our case the neurosis is stoked up deliberately. There are plenty of institutions, opinion-formers and politicians who have a positive stake in making us frightened of crime. The hackneyed example is the press: and it is true that newspapers can be hysterical, spinning out the reporting of one unusual assault on an old lady to cover several days, and droning on about the collapse of civilisation. Far more teenagers help out at old people's day centres than ever mug pensioners, but they are not news.

Broadsheet newspapers can be as bad: in 1988, on a sailing journey round Britain, I bought the Sunday papers. A woman had been murdered on a motorway verge, and there were several epically silly articles by woman journalists, to the effect that no woman is safe, and none of us should go out alone, anywhere, ever again. Since I had spent two months trudging round roughish harbour towns asking kindly skinheads the way to the launderette, I found this metropolitan panic a bit much.

But the press is not alone. What about the insurance companies, the makers of window locks and burglar alarms, the breeders of huge black dogs, the private security firms? The police, even? Loath though I am to criticise anyone in the front line, some forces do seem to put more energy into lecturing the public on their duty to lock up everything like Fort Knox, than they do into patrol and detection.

They, at least, are only trying to save money. Coining it in are the crime writers and the TV cop industry. Detective fiction used to be a picaresque genre, revelling in the intricacy of its plotting and the exotic, Orient-Express nature of its felonies. Its villians, moreover, were properly fiendish, and got put away.

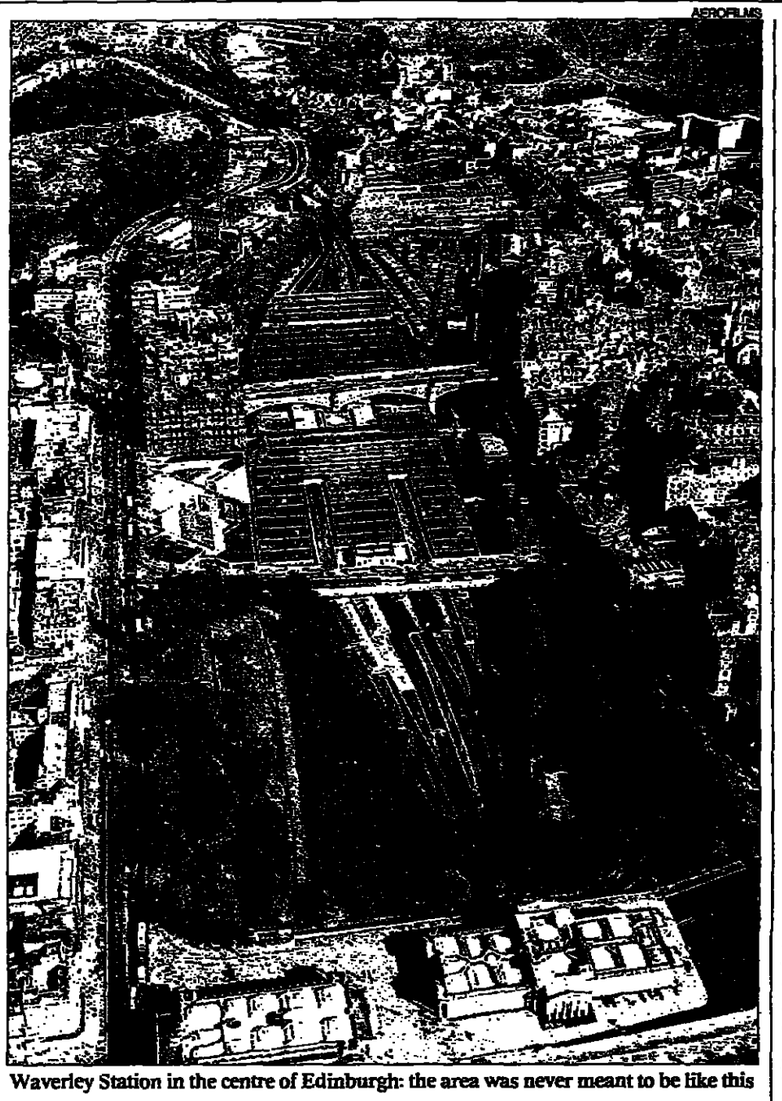
Now every other paperback invites you "inside the mind of a psychopath" as if that were somehow a rewarding place to be. Films and TV series — like the excellent, subtle, and deeply corrupt *Cracker* — focus lovingly on the abnormal, delivering the message that any harmless-looking person on the street could be longing to stick a motiveless knife into us. Of true-crime programmes enough has been said: their defenders claim that they increase "awareness of crime issues" but not "fear of crime". These people's hobby, clearly, is the breeding of flying pigs.

AND THE politicians? Well, they like to be seen bustling about fighting for us, and the bigger the enemy looks the braver they seem. It helps them to have something — criminals and tearaways — that we can all rage about together: it gives a momentary illusion of national unity.

Besides, politicians prefer us huddled indoors, under control, taking our cue from television rather than from life. They do not want us marching, meeting in pubs and halls, using up valuable building land to kick footballs on, or agitating for clean and decent town centres. They like us frightened. Docilely, we oblige.

My vision to realise a capital's beauty

Magnus Linklater suggests a millennium plan that would make Edinburgh a magnificent city



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Waverley Station in the centre of Edinburgh: the area was never meant to be like this

Today the Millennium Commission officially opens its doors for business and begins accepting applications for funds to back projects up and down the country intended mark the year 2000. The nation has been encouraged to think big.

As well as hundreds of worthy schemes which are likely to be helped along, the commission is looking for about a dozen grand projects which "seek to capture the spirit of our age in enduring *landmarks that symbolise our* hope for the future". It says it will devote half of the £1.7 billion it expects to raise to make them happen.

So how well has the nation responded? Are the great landmarks which the commission seeks "to turn hopes and dreams into reality" ready and waiting? The answer is perhaps not as clear-cut as the commissioners might have hoped. That was, perhaps, inevitable, given that no one has ever been entirely clear *what a millennium project is.* Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for National Heritage, came up with the nearest definition when he said: "It's a bit like an elephant, you recognise it when you see it." But that now seems a little inadequate. There is still no agreement on what constitutes an elephant, and how to tell when it is a white one.

Broadly speaking, the ideas produced so far fall into three categories: the big architectural schemes; those which help the environment; science and technology projects. Some of them, like the Cardiff Bay Opera House, the conversion of the Bankside power station to house the Tate's modern art collection, Manchester's national sports stadium, or the development of an "Albertopolis" linking the South Kensington museums in London, are already familiar.

Some ideas, like saving Stonehenge, would probably be done anyway. Others, like the construction of a giant Ferris wheel higher than the Palace of Westminster, sound fun, but are not of the permanent kind which presumably *the millennium requires.*

The environmental schemes, such as a 5,000-mile cycle network across the country, or the regeneration of the English hedgerow, are hard to object to, but raise different problems. The replanting of the Caledonian Forest in Scotland, for instance, is a wonderfully romantic idea, which I trust will happen in some form or other, though none of us will be around to see the results. It will, however, either involve the wholesale purchase of thousands of acres of land by the Government, or a massive and continuing subsidy to private landowners. The Millennium Commission has already said it wants partnership schemes. Who would be the partner here?

These, together with plans for science parks and national databases, are reasonably well-researched. Elsewhere, however, forward-planning is in distinctly short supply. The clock has now started to tick, and the closing date for entries is Easter. Three-and-a-half months is not a lot of time for a millennium project.

Scotland, it seems to me, is well behind the competition. Of the major projects, apart from the replanting of the Caledonian Forest, little is down on paper. Edinburgh has a list of ideas, but none which yet has the full backing of the city. Glasgow has two: a new opera and ballet theatre for the north bank of the Clyde, and a science and discovery centre on the old garden festival site. But there is still a great deal of preparatory work to be done if the commissioners are to be convinced that Scotland needs yet another opera house.

> Scotland has fallen behind in the race to produce millennium projects

Elsewhere there are ideas such as a canal to link the Forth and the Clyde, though that seems to be fading somewhat; a science park for Dundee; a lamerday Domesday Book using the latest technology to log all Scotland's plants, animals and microscopic organisms; a Gaelic heritage centre on Skye.

This does not strike me as good enough. I therefore submit a scheme of my own. It has three advantages which should appeal to the commission: it would create a monument grand enough to "capture the spirit of the age"; it would realise a vision but would also benefit the public; it is very far from a routine scheme which "would otherwise be met from public expenditure".

The idea would be to produce a new plan for the centre of Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, to complete and enhance the Waverley Valley which runs from west to east through its centre and which makes it, potentially, one of Europe's most magnificent cities. This great rift, which divides the new and the old parts of the city, ends abruptly in Waverley Station, whose roofs are presently an eyesore. It was never meant to be like this. The great town-planner Sir Patrick Geddes called it "half-ruinous to the beauty of Edinburgh ... the most fortuitous bungle in the long history of cities". Yet beyond, and to the east, lies one of the greatest vistas any city could enjoy — the natural framework of Arthur's Seat and the Calton Hill. Now is the time to open it up.

Five years ago, when I was editor of *The Scotsman*, we launched a competition to devise a scheme that would complete the job. One of the three entries selected, produced by the architectural firm of Troughton McAslan, went on to receive outline planning permission. It envisages creating a "green valley" with a landscaped deck over the eastern end of Princes Street, creating an open plaza. Waverley Bridge would be removed, but the station retained, with a glass roof. Arches under North Bridge would be glazed over in the style of the Grande Louvre pavilion in Paris. The whole effect would be to make open and inviting that which is at present closed and ugly.

There may well be other approaches to the job, but this one has the advantage of being well-prepared. The plans, properly costed, are in the hands of the city's district council. Those who need to know have been briefed. The groundwork has been completed. I rest my case.

Those ruling more than the airwaves

Martin Fletcher on the influence of America's talk-show hosts

The right-wing rabble-rousers of American radio can congratulate themselves as the Republicans take control of Congress today for the first time in 40 years. But it is also dawning on them that the only thing worse than having Democrats in power is having Democrats out of power.

The phenomenal rise of America's right-wing radio began in 1987 when the Reagan Administration abolished the so-called "fairness doctrine" mandating balanced broadcasting. In the seven years since, the number of talk shows has more than quadrupled from 238 to 1,168, with nearly three-quarters of the hosts being self-proclaimed conservatives who delighted in breaching the media's complacent liberal ascendancy.

The supreme master is Rush Limbaugh, whose show claims 20 million listeners. The rotund 43-year-old has written two huge bestsellers. His influence is such that in 1993 the right-wing *National Review* declared him "the Leader of the Opposition". The day after the Republicans' victory in the November elections, Mr Limbaugh repeatedly played James Brown's "I Feel Good", and proclaimed that America had just made "one of the most massive shifts to the right in any country in any year since the history of civilisation". Another radio host, Gordon Liddy, the former Watergate burglar, informed his listeners that "this marks the end of the dreadful, disastrous, venal, corrupt, sleazy Clinton presidency".

These airwave motormouths were celebrating not just the Republicans' great triumph, but their own role in bringing it about. For two years Mr Limbaugh and his imitators had spewed forth a torrent of invective against President Clinton and his Democratic allies in Congress.



Rush Limbaugh: the master

It was more "assault radio" than talk radio. They peddled half-truths, fanned prejudice, preached simplistic solutions to complex problems. They harangued the President for his past womanising, Vietnam draft avoidance and Whitewater shenanigans; raged against Democratic support for gay rights, gun control and tax increases. During the autumn campaign they brazenly promoted "Contract with America", the Republican election platform, often reading it out verbatim.

Half of all Americans who cast ballots on November 8 said they listened to radio talk shows, and by a three-to-one ratio they backed Republicans. For the first time in history talk radio may have settled the outcome of a national election.

Today should therefore be the conservative gabblers' greatest hour, but how can they sustain their ratings with nothing to rant against?

True, the Democrats still hold the White House, but Clinton-bashing has lost much of its appeal now that the President has been sidelined. Hillary Clinton has inconsiderately retreated from the limelight. Joycelyn Elders, the Surgeon-General whose support for condoms in schools and legalising drugs made her a punchbag, has been sacked.

The Republicans are meanwhile co-opting the radio hosts as de facto party spokesmen. Newt Gingrich, the new House Speaker, has invited them to cover today's historic opening session from Capitol Hill. He plans to meet them regularly, and recently refused to interrupt a radio talk-show interview to take a telephone call from the President. "I don't have a prayer of getting my message out with the elite media," Mr Gingrich explained.

Before they know it, these scourges of the Establishment may find themselves part of the Establishment. The signs are there. They raised scarcely a protest when Mr Gingrich signed a $4.5 million book contract last month, though they would have denounced Tom Foley, Mr Gingrich's Democratic predecessor, for exploiting his public office had he done such a thing.

There are a few liberal talk-show hosts, though to date they have had little impact. But in the Republicans' new ascendancy may lie their opportunity. Mr Gingrich, Jesse Helms and their colleagues offer inviting targets. The liberals may also soon have a new star recruit. The New York media executive who discovered Mr Limbaugh has offered a contract to Mario Cuomo, America's most eloquent and articulate Democrat. Mr Cuomo lost the New York governorship in November, but would be of far greater service to his party as the Limbaugh of the left.

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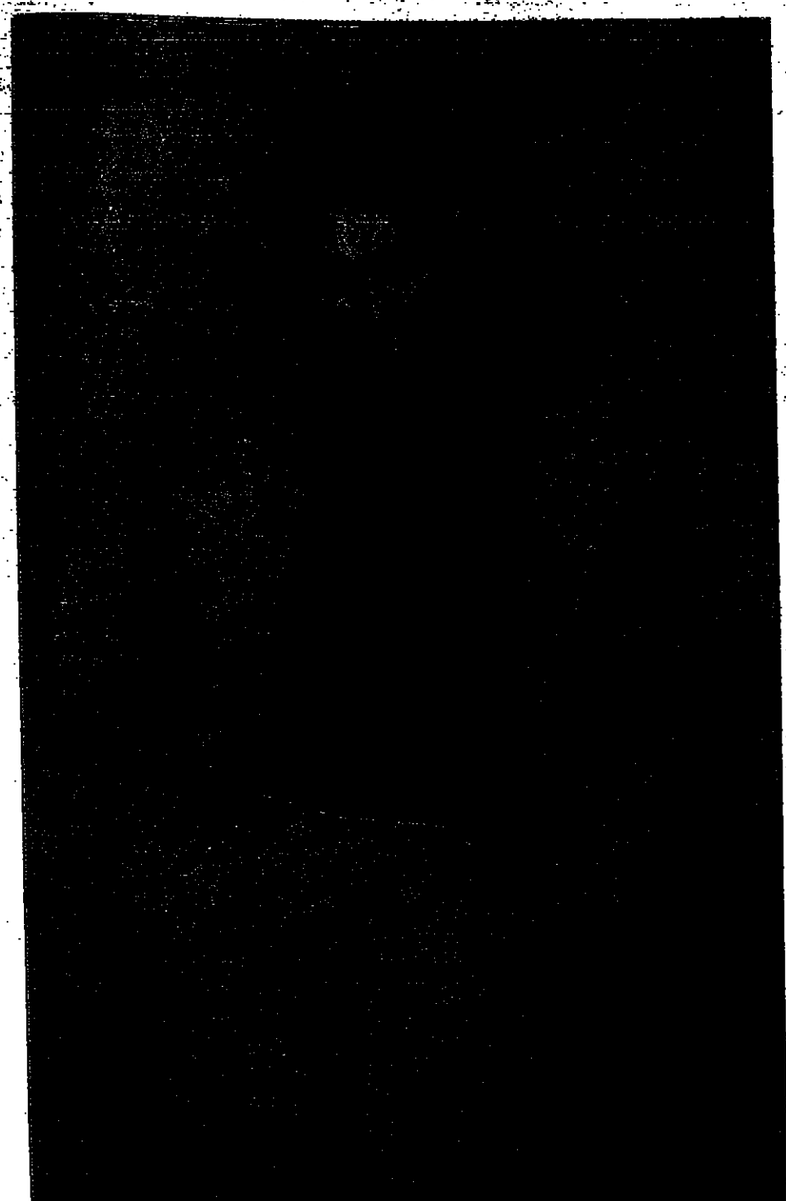
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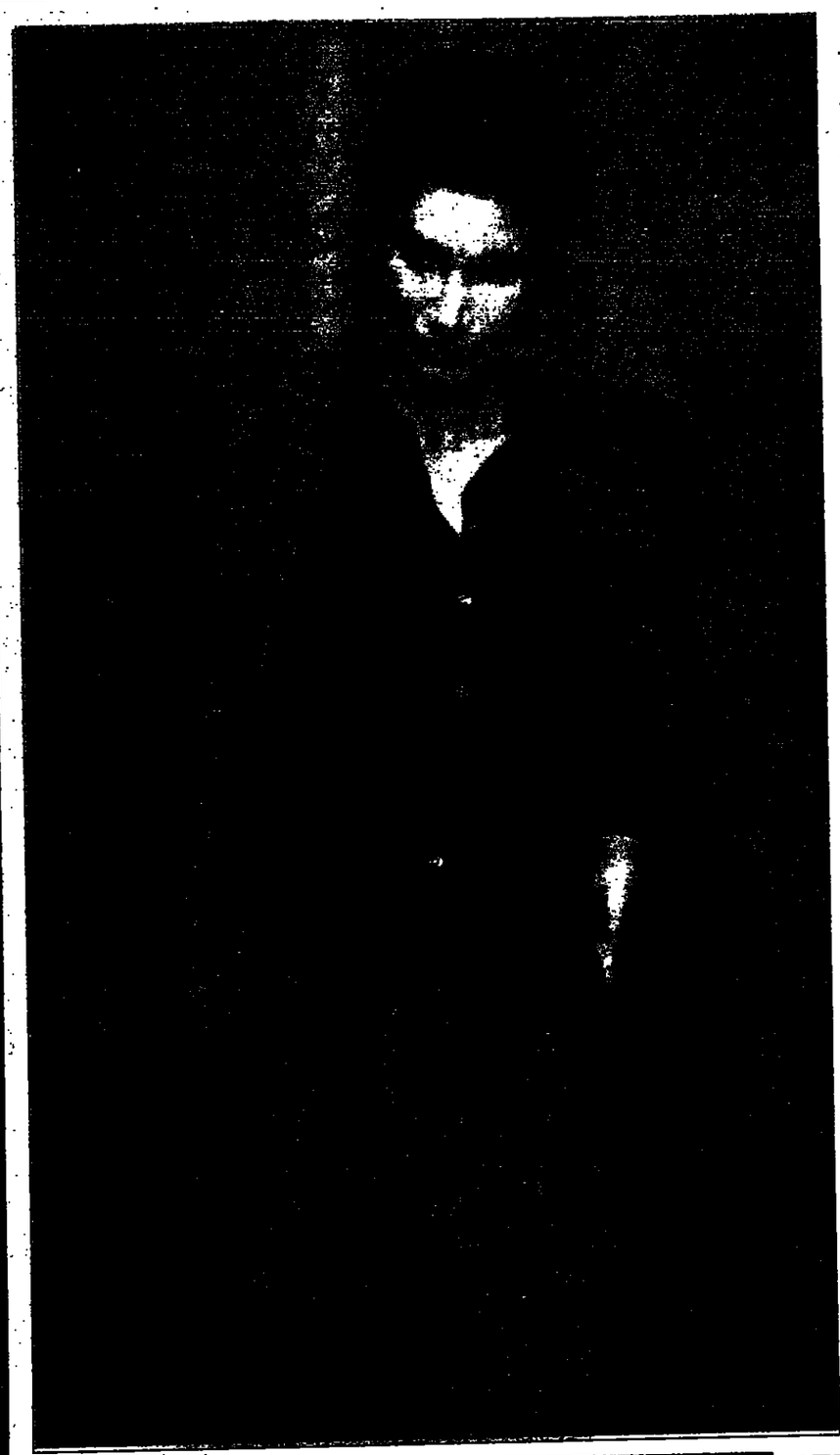
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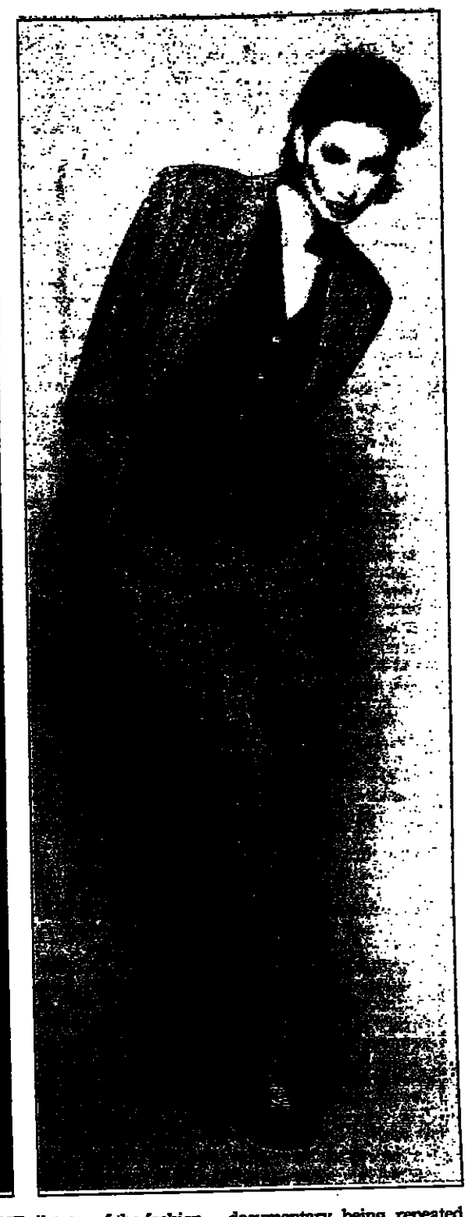
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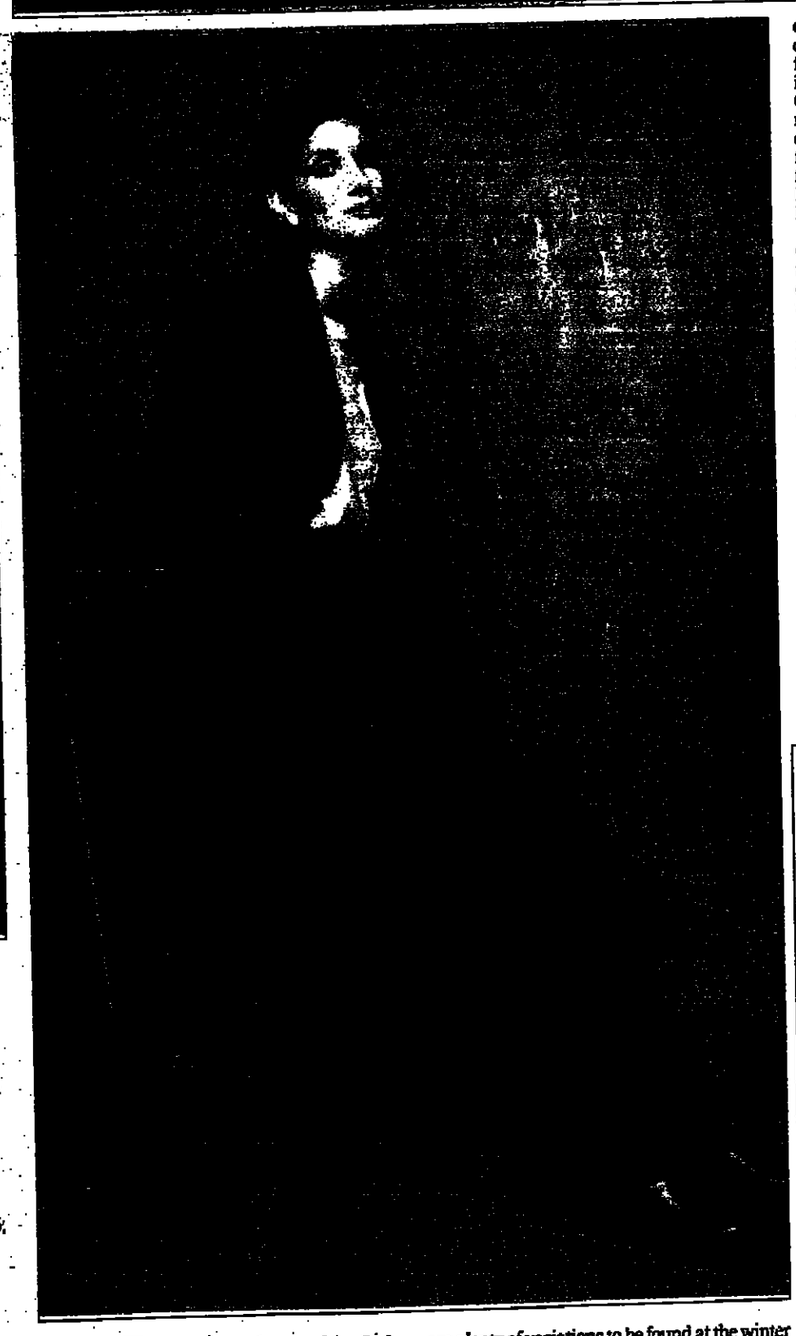
Baby it's cold outside

The simple, sober trouser suit — cut with room to spare — comes to the rescue as winter winds snap at your legs









ABOVE: Grey marl jacket, £180; matching wide pants, £95, Thomas Burberry (071-930 3343). Black wool polo-neck, £21, Marks and Spencer, selected branches nationwide (071-931 4422). Black patent loafers, £39.99, Ravel, branches nationwide (071-631 0224). CENTRE TOP: Brown fleck jacket, £79; matching trousers, £49, J.Taylor, Debenhams, selected branches nationwide (071-498 4444). Black cardigan, £89.50, Burberry, as above. FAR RIGHT: Brown wool/silk tweed herringbone jacket, £60 (reduced from £159); chocolate twill waistcoat, £42 (from £85); matching trousers, £52 (from £105), Liz Claiborne, House of Fraser, stores nationwide. Black patent loafers, £95, Patrick Cox (071-730 6504). RIGHT: Grey wool pinstripe jacket, £139 (from £229); matching trousers, £89 (from £139), Susan Woolf, 9-13 Bromptom Rd, SW3; 5 Union St, Bath; 63 George St, Edinburgh. Beige sweater, £65, Burberry, as above. Sheer black tights, £3.25, Aristoc, department stores nationwide. Black patent loafers, Ravel, as above.

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Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

A brand new year, and the glossy fashion magazines are already bursting with brand new ideas for spring/summer 1995. Everywhere you look there are high-rise heels, hemlines and hairdos. Tempting, but not exactly realistic when temperatures fall below zero, and the stores are still full of winter stock bearing bargain price-tags.

"Nothing to wear?" asks the coverline on the January issue of *Vogue* magazine, which features a photograph of the supermodel Kate Moss, naked save for a perfectly made-up face and matching manicured nails. An arresting image, but hardly one which offers an answer. Between its pages *Vogue* presents the "transeasonal wardrobe". But little that is pictured, other than a double-breasted car coat and a lambswool twinset, really looks as if it might keep out the cold reality of a British winter.

Moving between the seasons is not easy at the best of times. What is needed right now is something which is both comfortable and comforting. Something which keeps you warm without looking overly relaxed. Sloppy-Joe sweaters and thick woollen leggings are great for the weekend, but what to wear the rest of the time? Look no further than the trouser suit. Not only will it keep you well covered, it also neatly evades the question of skirt length — a godsend for any woman who has not yet worked the new, knee-length hemline into her wardrobe.

The trouser suit inevitably finds itself pushed to the fore when fashion changes direction or moves too far, too fast. Fashion editors may have embraced the new hemline — at the last round of designer shows, female knees were bared as much off the catwalk as on — but the look is yet to catch on among the populace, especially during the long winter months.

Designers can no longer afford to be as dictatorial as once they were. There are few collections which do not offer a trouser suit or two as an alternative — even when, with a season like spring/summer 1995, dresses are the favoured silhouette at the cutting edge.

This season's trouser suits acknowledge their masculine delineation. Shoulders are more pronounced, and fabric more mannish. There are plenty of variations to be found at the winter sales — KL by Karl Lagerfeld, CK at Selfridges, Jaeger, Principles, Paul Costello, French Connection, Austin Reed, MaxMara and Jil Sander. Most notably, the suit should appear a little on the large size, almost as though borrowed from the wardrobe of a husband or boyfriend.

This look steals from those Hollywood heroines whose adrogynous off-screen appearance seemed at odds with their on-screen role-model way of dressing. Katharine Hepburn and Lauren Bacall made the look very much their own, both favouring baggy trouser suits worn with roll-neck sweaters and loafers.

Which is exactly the way to dress it down this winter, the only hint of glamour the gloss of a patent shoe or the twinkle of a gilt button. What to wear when it's cold outside? Nothing fits the bill better.

HOTLINE

● THE dictates of the fashion circus have put animal printed fabric back in vogue. One of its best uses is in accessories. Gordana Christmas has a new range of scarves which includes fake leopard. Priced from £48, the scarves can be found at branches of House of Fraser, Selfridges and Harrods.

● AGNES B, the queen of understated French chic, has opened a third outlet in London. The new site at 235 Westbourne Grove, W11 stocks her collection of stylish separates for men and women. 111 Fulham Road will now concentrate exclusively on women's and children's wear, while the Floral Street branch has the entire clothing and beauty range.

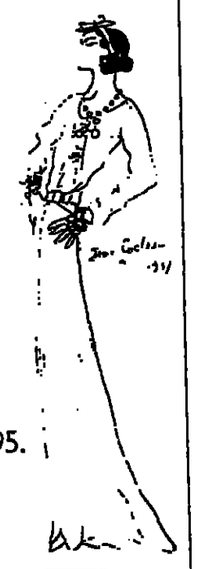
● A VIVIENNE Westwood fashion show is something to behold. Jam-packed with faithful Westwood fans, eager press and buyers, they never start on time, or even near, but are always worth waiting for. Hailed as one of the greatest designers of the 20th century, Westwood is the subject of a documentary being repeated this week. Directed by Mike Figgis, *On Liberty* includes footage from her autumn-winter '94 fashion show, interviews with Ms Westwood and muse Naomi Campbell, and backstage antics. Tune in to BBC2 on Friday at 8pm.

● THE design duo behind the Dolce & Gabbana label are soon to become familiar faces. Their advertising campaign for spring-summer '95, with photography by Michel Comte, features Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana modelling their latest menswear range. The womenswear is modelled by Brooke Shields and Isabella Rossellini, playing the parts of Joan Crawford and Anna Magnani respectively. Dolce and Gabbana are also taking cameo roles in a new film, *The Man of the Stars*, by the Italian director Giuseppe Tornatore. Dolce will play a Sicilian shepherd and Gabbana, a photographer. All will be revealed if the film makes it to the Cannes festival.

RACHEL COLLINS

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Alan Coren



■ This is the day of days, *to coin a phrase* — if you write plays

You are, I know (and rarely a genuflecting bedtime passes when I do not offer up heartfelt thanks for it) as literate a readership as any show-off hack could wish. And yet I wonder whether even you realise how momentous is the date which stands just to the northeast of this column. I wonder whether you know that it marks the 400th anniversary of the day on which William Shakespeare wrote the line: "And thus the native hue of resolution is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought."

He did not, of course, incorporate it professionally for a good five years: I know that you know that until he stumbled across François de Belleforest's *Histoires Tragiques* early in 1590 he had no inkling of the existence of a melancholy Danish procrastinator for whose temporising lips this corking observation might have been minuted, thus enabling Shakespeare to build a major showstopper around it. On January 4, 1595, the line had come into his head for no other reason than that he had just (a) started smoking again, (b) come off his diet, and (c) gone back on the sauce, after only three excruciatingly resolute days. And four centuries on, we sympathise. We understand just how it happened. We know the inevitable fate of resolutions after they have come under pressure from thinking.

Here is Shakespeare on New Year's Eve 1594, just finished *Romeo and Juliet* against a murderous deadline, and coughing his lungs to tatters on his fifth pipe of the night, doubtless cursing Raleigh for importing the muck in the first place. Remember, too, that smoking was even nastier than it is now, since this was long before the invention of the cigarette (otherwise Christopher Marlowe's celebrated curse on those "who love not tobacco and small boyes" might well have read "fags and small boyes" and got an even bigger laugh), and involved a crude frangible pipe which time and again either stuck to the lip or broke in the teeth — and furthermore, if the latter, ignited the crotch — so that smokers despised themselves even more than they do today.

That Shakespeare was also grossly overweight is beyond contention: everybody was, for which they again had Raleigh to thank. The average Elizabethan consumed ten pounds of fashionable spuds a day, sluiced down with enough booze to provide Shakespeare with more references to it than to anything else in his concordance. Ignore, therefore, the First Folio frontispiece, which was for gentle Shakespeare cut, wherein the graver had a strife with nature to out-do the life: that was just Ben Jonson blurbing for an easy groat beneath a cosmetic publicity snap. Shakespeare in fact weighed a Falstaff-and-a-half, much of it liver.

Which was why, 400 years ago last Sunday, he simultaneously foreswore food, drink and weed: a regimen which worked fine for perhaps two hours. He then, as adumbrated hereinabove, began to think about it. For having just been signed up by the Lord Chamberlain as both actor and dramaturge, he was contractually obliged not only to turn out twice nightly in that season's panto as Gammer Gurton's daft son Jack, but also to get cracking on his *Richard II script*, a project, as you know, singularly close to Elizabeth's heart.

Picture it. William sits in his icy dressing-room, straw in his hair, an idiot grin chalked over his miserably quill-chewing mouth, and the eyes crossed in readiness for Jack's first entrance, staring inaccurately at a pile of blank paper on which the trembling hand is expected to scribble a real belter to keep the monstrous virgin sweet. But his throat is dry, his stomach rumbles, the ghost of nicotine past flits mischievously across his tongue; and these are all he can think about.

Until, next day, he thinks: a little snort of sack would get me going, a nice fat hare would give me strength, a puff or two of shag would clear the head no end: my work needs them. But resolution holds. Until, next day, he thinks: this is not me, I am a cakes-and-ale man, my smoke-rings set the table on a roar, they loved me then, but who will love me now? Yet still the will, in punning loyalty, remains intact. Until day three. Day three he thinks: what, live forever? Better to pop a happy clog at 52 than dodder on, sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything. Day four didn't stand a chance. It rarely does.



But it is a class issue

Roy Hattersley argues that Labour must end the public schools' charity status

Attacks on the independent schools, said Gillian Shephard, are "attacks on choice and diversity". That is not true. But it is an attractive deception. *Choice and Diversity* — the title of the Government's education White Paper — is superficially an admirable policy, which falls apart only on detailed examination. Refuting the simple lie with the complicated truth is always a difficult political task, but it is one which Labour has to face head-on. The party's radical reputation and its hopes of becoming a genuinely reforming government depend on providing an education system that meets the need of the whole population. That requires the myth of choice to be exploded.

For the Tory party, the pretence that parental choice is possible has two advantages. It gives a spurious respectability to the middle classes' determination to obtain a superior education for their sons and daughters. And it makes possible a surreptitious return to secondary selection. The selection which it provides is educationally and socially more divisive than the old 11-plus. For pupils are enrolled in schools not according to their aptitude and ability, but on the basis of their social background. As a result, working-class children — some of them with outstanding ability — are relegated to schools which other parents have rejected.

Parental choice could exist only if the schools which are perceived to be the best were able to take all the pupils applying for places in them. In practice, when the minority of "good" schools are full, the generality of children go to their neighbourhood comprehensive — or rather what is *called* their neighbourhood comprehensive. In reality, the existence of socially selective grant-maintained schools and city technology colleges has turned many comprehensives into replicas of the old secondary moderns.

Since the schools which are perceived to be "good" will be oversubscribed, some sort of procedure has to determine who is accepted. Normally, that turns out to be not the selection of schools by parents, but the selection of pupils (perhaps even parents) by head teachers. Typical is Queen Elizabeth's School in Barnet, which sets out "admission criteria" stipulating what it expects from pupils and their families. Failure to live up to these expectations will, the prospectus concludes, produce a "conflict" between home and school, and "if such a situation were to arise, we would reserve the right to resign our charge". Parents who believe they are good enough for Queen Elizabeth's are "invited to interview". It is a strange system of "parental choice" which requires the parents to be interviewed by the school rather than vice versa.

As a result of head teacher selection, a league table of schools develops in the public mind. In a sense, the perception of a hierarchy is justified. For schools which can select intelligent pupils from highly motivated families will produce the best examination results — particularly if, being grant-maintained, they also receive a disproportionate share of educational resources and, being the easiest schools in which to teach, recruit the most highly qualified staff.

> Spending policy treats some schools as more important than others

The establishment of a number of selective schools, highly esteemed and producing excellent results, is obviously satisfying to the fortunate parents who obtain places within them. No doubt they will say so to David Blunkett when he consults them as promised. But it is deeply damaging to the educational prospects of the rest — the majority — of the community. There is no doubt who "the rest" will be. The sort of admission policy practised by Queen Elizabeth's in Barnet is biased in favour of the articulate and prosperous. Deprived and disadvantaged families lack both knowledge and self-confidence. Whenever there is competition for scarce resources, they are elbowed out of the way by the determined middle classes. A system of secondary selection which is based on parental choice means freedom (of a sort) for a few but reduced opportunities for most families.

Schools at the top of the league will certainly receive a disproportionate share of funds. They will, the Government White Paper says, have the largest number of applications for places, and "the more pupils the school attracts, the larger its budget". Labour intends to concentrate educational investment in the areas that need most help. A Labour government will provide extra resources for inner-city schools with large numbers of children who live in poverty or from families which speak English as a second language. But in between the two extremes — schools which are rewarded for their excellence, and those which are helped with special difficulties — there will be dozens of others which are regarded as inferior to the "best" but not needing the special assistance given to the "worse". Once again, the generality of children will be neglected.

If we are serious about improving standards, we need an allocation policy which promotes and ensures fair sharing of resources. Parents should be asked to nominate a school. Assuming that there are no more applications than places, every family would enjoy true parental choice. An oversubscribed school should give preference to pupils with siblings already on the roll. If that does not balance supply and demand, the only reasonable admission criterion is proximity. Pupils who live closest to the school should be preferred. This would protect working-class families close to a school against middle-class parents (perhaps from distant suburbs) talking their way into unfair advantage.

Gillian Shephard would have been right had she claimed that Labour's education policy would reduce freedom for some — in fact a small minority — of parents. But it is the duty of a democratic government to adjudicate between conflicting liberties. In a civilised society, there can be no freedom for the prosperous and articulate to monopolise benefits which should be shared with the timid poor. A genuinely comprehensive system of secondary education would entrench far more freedom than it would sacrifice. It would protect the liberty of millions of families who wish to send their sons and daughters to well-staffed and properly funded schools, but who are now denied that opportunity, because spending policy is based on the heresy that some schools are more important than others.

The same libertarian argument applies to Labour's attitude towards the public schools. While independent education exists, we will never concentrate sufficient resources on the state system. The rich and privileged — worrying always about their taxes — will take no real interest in state schools while their sons and daughters are educated privately. Apologists for a class-based system will justify private education with sentimental nonsense about providing "escape routes" for poor but talented pupils. Putting aside the fact that hardly any poor but talented pupils win places in independent schools, the argument against "escape routes" is overwhelming. Our national education system should not be a process from which the fortunate minority *needs* to escape. That concept confirms that the children who are left behind are condemned to endure the second-rate.

There is also a question of spending priorities. Labour is constantly warned that it will not be able to finance all of its social programme. The aspiration to universal nursery education has not become a firm commitment because no one can be sure where the money would come from. How can we justify subsidising Eton and Harrow's fees — which is what charity status effectively does — instead of using such hand-outs to provide pre-school places in inner cities?

The Government believes that its slogan of "choice and diversity" is viscerally popular with voters in marginal seats. Labour must not make the same strategic error. Despite its social bias, a system of covert selection disadvantages thousands of suburban families. Once they discover that there are not enough "good" schools to go round, they will turn against the hierarchy of parental selection in the way they turned against the old 11-plus when their children were allocated to underfunded secondary-moderns.

It took the Labour Party 20 years to summon the courage to tell the truth about the municipal grammar schools, which each year enrolled 120 talented 11-year-olds from supportive families, taught them in small classes yet sent less than 10 per cent on to higher education. That is a record of which most comprehensive schools would be ashamed. The time has now come for similar hard truths to be told about the consequences of a system designed to meet the needs of a few, rather than all the nation's pupils. Charitable status for public schools should go, and go quickly.

Waldheim is still unwelcome

Robert Rhodes James on a ticklish problem for the UN

This will be a year of many anniversaries, but one has been generally overlooked. It will be the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, created with many high expectations, but often unfairly depicted, especially in the United States, as a failure.

One period that UN officials recall with no pleasure was the decade when Kurt Waldheim was its Secretary-General. Writing with admirable restraint, Sir Brian Urquhart, who devoted virtually all of his adult life to the world organisation, has observed that "Waldheim, emerging as a living lie, has done immense damage not only to his own country but to the United Nations and to those who have devoted, and in some cases sacrificed, their lives for it . . . We used to speculate on just how far Waldheim would go to get publicity. We saw him as two people; Waldheim Mark I, a scheming, ambitious duplicitous egomaniac ready to do anything for advantage or public acclaim; and Waldheim Mark II, the statesmanlike leader who kept his head while all about him were losing theirs and was prepared to follow our advice in great international crises. These and other fantasies seem rather less funny now."

Nothing was funny about serving in Waldheim's private office, as I did for more than three years. His qualities, and particularly a quite remarkable capacity for hard work, were made unpalatable by his volcanic temper, the absence of anything like a sense of humour, exceptional vanity, and (that least endearing of all deficiencies in a boss) the habit of taking all the credit when things go right and blaming others when they go wrong. But we told ourselves that we were servants of the UN, not of one man, and worked in that spirit.

It was the revelation that he had consistently lied about his war record that shocked us, rather than the record itself, although subsequent revelations about his role in Yugoslavia and in Greece (with more to come) made our disgust still greater. The official British verdict on his part in the execution of British commandos was that although he had indeed participated in war crimes, he was not a war criminal. Lawyers may be satisfied by this, but few others will be.

That such a man should then seek the presidency of his country, and actually be elected, made the situation even more astounding. The Austrians belatedly discovered that they had elected someone who was virtually an international pariah and was actually banned from entering the United States. This began a long-overdue reassessment of Austria's real role in the Nazi tyranny, starting with the realisation that Hitler himself, and some of the worst of his ugly henchmen and mass murderers, were Austrian. This was just about the only good thing that emerged from this astonishing débâcle.

When Waldheim, most reluctantly, agreed not to stand for re-election as President, there was widespread relief, and not least at the UN, where all traces of him, including his portrait (on which someone had thoughtfully painted a swastika) have been obliterated. If he is spoken about at all by his erstwhile colleagues, it is in terms of loathing, as a man who betrayed not only us but his high office and the world organisation.

But the sheer gall of the man has survived his disgrace, and his influence remains. The Austrian Government has told the present Secretary-General that it expects Waldheim to be invited to the celebrations of the UN's anniversary, and will take great umbrage if he is not.

The problem is that if Waldheim is invited there will be furious protests from governments considerably more important than Austria's, and serious threats of a boycott. The American Government would have to consider its position carefully. Although the UN building is international territory, neither Kennedy nor Newark airport is. If the ban on Waldheim's entry were to be temporarily waived, the reactions of New Yorkers and of Congress are not hard to imagine: nor are the thundering leaders in *The New York Times* or the denunciations by Senator Patrick Moynihan.

Then there is the very real problem about Waldheim's personal security. There are a lot of people in America — particularly, but not exclusively, the relatives of those who perished in the mass deportation of Jews from Greece — who would welcome a brief meeting with him to settle accounts. He would have to be smuggled in as skilfully as Yassir Arafat was on his first visit to the UN. But then compared to Waldheim, Arafat was a welcome visitor to a significant number of governments.

On the other hand, if Waldheim is not invited, the anger of the Austrian Government would not be the real embarrassment. That would be the fact that of the two living former Secretaries-General only Pérez de Cuéllar would be present. It would be as though ten years of the UN's first 50 had never happened. This, also, would arouse comment. But it is clearly preferable to the alternative.

The most sensible course would be for Austria, which joined the EC this week, to abandon its current adamant attitude and send its current President or a prominent Austrian who more faithfully reflects the country's commitment to the goals and ideals of the UN. However, in international politics, as in national, the sensible course is usually the one that is ignored, in the sacred name of pride. But what is there to be proud about?

Sir Robert Rhodes James was principal officer in the executive office of the UN Secretary-General, 1973-76.

One's tipple

THE GENIUS of Guinness has failed to impress the Royal Family. The brewer has lost the Royal Warrant it was awarded for supplies of creamy Irish stout to Her Majesty. For the first time since 1984, Guinness's name is not contained in the 1995 list of Royal Warrants of Appointment from Buckingham Palace.

The company was awarded the honour for supplying bottled stout to the Queen in the early 1980s. Beer supplies to the Palace have since eased, however. "Guinness has dropped off the list. That's because they do not drink very much beer any more," says Commander Hugh Faulkner of the Royal Warrant Holders' Association.

Guinness is disappointed, but points out that it has diversified from brewing into distilling since the original warrant for bottled stout was awarded. "We are sad that the warrant has not been renewed, because we would like to think of Guinness being consumed inside Buckingham Palace," said a spokesman. "But we do still have Royal Warrants on the spirits we supply: four brands of whisky and two brands of gin."

The company declined to comment on an ungentlemanly suggestion that the pressures of recent years have had a marked effect on the royal palate — and encouraged the switch from a life-giving stout to harder stuff.

Tight squeeze

FLYING back from the Canary Islands on Monday was the England rugby team, which had been training at Club La Santa in Lanzarote. It was a tight scrum when they boarded the plane.

On account of their bulk, the lads are accustomed to enjoying extra room. But holiday traffic precluded such luxury. Some of them sat three-abreast, knees wedged under chins. Will Carling padded about the aisle in his socks. Others stood hunched at the front of the plane, while the 6ft 10in second row Martin Bayfield sat in cabin crew seats near the exit doors. Bayfield's discomfort was not confined to the plane, either. On arrival at icy Gatwick, his legs had goose bumps the size of conkers: he was still in his training shorts.



Tea tunes

THE AMERICAN Ambassador to London, Admiral William Crowe, threw a lively tea party at his Regent's Park residence, Winfield House, on Monday. The event was his 70th birthday, and the honoured guests were a group of school fiddlers.

He was so impressed by the Jordan Junior Strings at a recent concert at the Purcell Room that he chauffeured them to his home for a private performance. Lady Anna Curzon, seven-year-old daughter of the Agriculture Minister Earl Howe, was among those who sawed away at American tunes such as *I Wish I was in Dixie*, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and, of course, at *Happy Birthday*.

"The Ambassador was clapping along to *Ragtime Annie* with tears in his eyes," says Elaine Jordan, who runs the group. "Afterwards he gave a splendid tea of burgers, fish fingers and chips."

Test card

THE ONLY member of the Gough household who has been oblivious to Darren's heroic performance in the third Test is his one-month-old son Liam, who has yet to meet his father. But Gough Jnr won't miss out — for his grandfather is making him an edited video of the match.

Darren's wife, Anna, says her father has been hard at it with the video-recorder. "Dad has been recording the whole thing so that Liam can watch the highlights in years to come."

Gough Jnr shares a Christian name with Botham Jnr, but Anna pads away comparisons. "I'm sure Darren takes them as a compliment, but he wouldn't want to be compared to anyone really. He wants to be his own man."

● *Tranquillity returns to the Wiltshire village of West Lavington. The former Northern Ireland Minister Peter Brooke has finally sold his solid red-brick house for more than £250,000 and moved a few miles across Salisbury Plain to a nearby hamlet. The regular armed patrols around the Brooke residence will go with him.*

Sloping off

A TELEVISION reporter grabbed the first-ever interview with Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie this week. The two girls were monosyllabic, but they uttered their first words on television after a skiing session at Klosters.

Sue Saville, chief correspondent at GMTV, secured her scoop on the slopes not by stealth or subterfuge — but because she was bad at skiing.

"The camera crew were at lunch. I chose the quietest little lane I could find to practise where there would be no one around," she says. "And suddenly the Duchess of York turned up with her ski instructor. They weren't impressed with my snowplough and told me to bend my knees."

Ski-school banter followed, with Saville explaining that her skiing was rusty because of a back injury and the Duchess mentioning where she was taking the kids later in the day. Saville took the hint — and got her interview.



Snow scoop, with Sue Saville

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CASUALTY OF GROZNY

President Yeltsin must now take charge of his crisis

The war in Chechenia has reached that ominous stage when a massive and bloody counter-attack by the humiliated Russian Army now looks inevitable. The casualties, already far higher than admitted in disingenuous official Russian statements, will be horrific: the Chechens boast that they are ready to fight to the death, and the devastated centre of Grozny shows that they mean it.

The most spectacular casualty, however, has been the political life of the man who ordered the ragtag army into the snowy Caucasus: President Yeltsin. The Russian leader's popularity and credibility now stand at an all-time low. His democratic allies have deserted him. Deputies in the Duma, the Russian parliament, are openly contemptuous. The overwhelming bulk of the population, with bitter memories of the cruel war in the Afghan mountains, have no wish to send their young conscripts into another war against Muslim fighters. And senior generals, long resentful at the decline in the army's numbers and morale, cannot forgive their Commander-in-Chief's attempt to shirk responsibility by disappearing into hospital for an unspecified and possibly unnecessary nose operation.

Already there are renewed rumblings in Moscow of a coup. This time, however, they do not rally the reformers to the side of the embattled President. The only people on whom he can now count are the nationalists and mavericks such as Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who applaud the iron enforcement of Russia's will on its turbulent minorities. Even in the West, where Mr Yeltsin's survival was long seen as essential for the success of democratic and market reform, the tone has changed markedly. Earlier expressions of support have given way to blunt warnings that an all-out assault with heavy casualties would outrage and alienate Western public opinion. And, mindful of earlier mistakes in investing too much political capital in a threatened leader, Western governments have begun looking at what policies to adopt should Mr Yeltsin fall.

In Moscow, there is a sense of *déjà-vu*. Mr Yeltsin has barely shown himself in public: his health is clearly failing and his disappearances fuel wild speculation; official statements are contradictory, while pressure is put on the Russian media to toe the line; rumours abound that a cabal of cronies, headed by the shadowy figure of General Aleksandr Korzhakov, controls all access to the President. It is reminiscent of the final years of Brezhnev. The fear now, as then, is that a leader only partially in control is being manipulated by cliques around him, while they jockey for position and make tactical alliances with the old centres of power: the army, the security services and the powerful regional leadership.

The demand on Mr Yeltsin now must be to demonstrate leadership. Apart from a television broadcast, where he justified a military solution with tendentious evocation of the Chechens' record of banditry, he has failed either to assume public command of the crisis or to explain adequately how Russia will reimpose its political, as well as military, control over the breakaway republic. In a country that respects only strength and charisma, weakness and hesitancy are fatal; Mr Yeltsin has shown both. It is too late now for him to embark on another policy or to snatch a diplomatic victory from the street battles. He could do much now to stabilise Russia's disintegrating body politic if he clarified earlier hints that he will not be standing in the 1996 presidential elections. If, as many advise him, he decides not to stand, he should nominate a credible political figure, such as Ivan Rybkin, the chairman of the Duma, as his chosen successor around whom the army and political centre might coalesce. He may then be able to limp along until he steps down. At least this would give Russia time to recover balance after the bloody Chechen battle is over.

FRANC FORT FOLLY

August 1795: France introduced the franc as its new currency

They say money makes the world go round. Yet governments rarely succeed when they try to control the world by manipulating money. This is a lesson Europe has been learning painfully since 1992 as currencies have crashed one after another in the European exchange-rate mechanism. But Europe's political elite have still not drawn the obvious conclusion — that they should give up on trying to build a united Europe from the monetary roof downwards, and concentrate instead on building upwards from the sound foundations of free commerce and common economic goals.

Nowhere has the preoccupation with monetary union been more pervasive than in France, a once dynamic economy that has been transformed into Europe's biggest unemployment blackspot, largely because of the political elite's obsession with making the franc as "strong" as the German mark. The "franc fort" has been a French preoccupation for 200 years. On August 15, 1795, the Revolutionary Convention voted to abolish the royal livre, and issue a new silver franc as the nation's legal tender.



What followed was a typical sequence after new currencies are created in politically turbulent times — a rapid inflation, debasement of the coinage, workers' revolt and eventually the dictatorship of a charismatic general, Napoleon Bonaparte. But despite its inauspicious beginnings, the franc did well as an international currency for a long period after the Napoleonic Wars.

Alas for the advocates of European monetary union today, the franc's happy experience as an international currency during the golden age of 19th-century capitalism was shattered by the First World War. In fact the monetary history of France from 1918 onwards became an object lesson against the folly of making a political totem out of a currency's international "strength". The French economy was devastated after 1918 and the franc became completely unsustainable at its prewar value. Once Britain and America abandoned the gold standard, France foolishly saw a chance to restore the franc to its former glory. It clung fanatically to gold, revaluing its currency almost twofold against the pound and dollar. The result was a catastrophic depression, which turned France into Europe's weakest economy, ruined much of its industry and was partly responsible for the country's inability to defend itself in 1939. After the war the French had still not learnt their lesson. From 1945 successive governments persisted in trying to defend an overvalued franc. They always failed, but at great cost to French industry and commerce.

Why is it that even after this long history of monetary mismanagement, the French continue to attribute a mystical importance to the external value of the franc? The French currency will doubtless come under further attack during this year's presidential campaign and the markets will win in the end, as they have throughout history, most recently in the ERM crisis of 1993. But the chances of French politicians learning anything from their coming new defeat in the market must be small.

LEGION OF HONOUR

The veterans' charity is right to update its image

The Royal British Legion has timed its relaunch today with admirable foresight. Many events this year will mark the Second World War, and the debt which the nation owes its war veterans will be widely recalled. Seventy-four years after its foundation, the charity is wisely pre-empting argument that it will soon become obsolete.

Demands upon its welfare services have never been greater. A number of men who fought in the First World War are still alive and need the legion's help. Many veterans of the Second World War have only recently retired and are making fresh demands on the charity's resources. Every Briton who performed National Service is eligible for help; so too are the 25,000 servicemen leaving the Army each year. The legion represents soldiers freshly returned from Bosnia, as well as those who remember the Somme.

Taking account of dependants of ex-servicemen, the charity calculates that it has a potential obligation to 18 million people. It cannot afford, therefore, to be seen as an old-fashioned institution of decreasing relevance. Nor can the legion continue to dig into its reserves to meet its costs. Last year, the public was asked to give a little more generously than usual to the annual poppy appeal. Although the total amount raised will not be known until May, the response appears to have been very encouraging. Ordinary people still hold the work of the legion in high esteem. This is the foundation upon which the charity must build.

First, it should emphasise its role as a servant to veterans of all ages. The legion's work for pensioners is widely appreciated. Less well known are its efforts on behalf of younger people who have left the Services. The charity's new training centre, for instance, will help 4,000 ex-servicemen a year to find civilian work. Its counselling services are as valuable to veterans of the Gulf War as they are to the men who fought in Normandy half a century ago. Secondly, the legion should devote itself to persuasion. The veterans' organisations showed how much they have already learnt about public relations last year when they campaigned against a proposed jamboree in Hyde Park to mark the anniversary of D-Day. But the legion should also address itself to cultivating memory. Exhibitions, lectures and school visits all have a part to play.

Because today's Services are wholly professional, the civilian and military worlds are not as intertwined as they have been in the past. A far greater imaginative leap is required of those who have not seen combat to imagine the sufferings of those who have. Yet the success of the Barbican's exhibition of First World War art last year showed how many people of all ages do indeed wish to make this leap. The Legion is, among other things, an unparalleled human archive, an association of people who have fought for their country and lived to tell the tale. The charity should seize every opportunity to help them to share their story.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Powers and accountability of SFO in Guinness trials

From Mr Joshua Rowe

Sir, If the allegations of gross miscarriage of justice in the Guinness cases are proven (reports, December 23, 24), I hope that the individuals within the Serious Fraud Office who were responsible for these trials will be made to repay both the innocent defendants and the taxpayer for the enormous damage they have caused.

What is more notable though, and what has been most striking throughout the whole affair, is the role of the Guinness board. When the story came to light, they as a collective entity indignantly distanced themselves from Ernest Saunders. Yet if he was guilty, and if the board were convinced of his wrongdoing, how is it that Guinness as a company was entitled to keep the prize of that wrongdoing?

If Distillers was obtained through wrongful action, Guinness should not have been allowed to retain Distillers for one moment. It is like condemning a thief and at the same time benefiting from all his stolen goods. Whether Saunders is found guilty or innocent, I suggest that the board's action throughout these years shows a high degree of hypocrisy.

Yours faithfully,
JOSHUA ROWE,
84 Upper Park Road,
Salford, Greater Manchester.
January 2.

From Mr C. P. Vellenoweth

Sir, Whatever the outcome of the reference back to the Court of Appeal of the Guinness case, the apparent evidence of a certificate of public interest immunity issued and relating to information held by the Department of Trade and Industry is a deeply worrying aspect of this matter. It has echoes of the Matrix Churchill debacle and, in the context of a Government which outwardly professes the values of openness, probity and accountability, is especially disturbing.

Tribunals by the derivation of their very name are "of the people" and, whilst evidence presented may not be in the public domain, their findings manifestly should be so. Coupled with the arrogance of the Serious Fraud Office in its decision to be the arbiter of what is relevant evidence rather than allowing judge and jury to decide, the scales of justice begin to look out of balance.

Certainty about even-handedness of Government and the due processes of law must be re-established. As a first step, there should be an early hearing by the Appeal Court.

Yours faithfully,
C. P. VELLENOWETH,
2 Holmwood Drive,
Barnston, Wirral, Merseyside.
December 24.

From Mr J. V. Bates

Sir, If, as your leading article of December 24 suggests and the Court of Appeal may find, the SFO has wrongly withheld material information from the defence, the fault is not one of personal malice or error, but one endemic in the system by which the SFO was organised.

In 1986, following the report of the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure (the Phillips commission), the Crown Prosecution Service was set up expressly to ensure that the persons involved in the investigation of criminal offences were not also involved in prosecuting them. Whatever the criticisms of the CPS, that principle surely remains inviolate.

At almost the same time Government was setting up the SFO with powers and duties that, also expressly, involved the police, the accountants and the lawyers working together in the investigation and the prosecution of offences. However these parties may strive by the erection of "Chinese walls" to separate their functions, the complexity and size of the investigations make such divisions within the same office unrealistic.

Once the prosecutors get too close to the investigation the unwitting bias identified by the Phillips commission follows, and the absence of a fresh, unprejudiced mind to discharge the prosecutor's quasi-judicial duties becomes a serious defect.

Whether the SFO retains its independent status or not, steps must be taken to separate its functions.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BATES
(Chief Crown Prosecutor for Lancashire, 1986-93),
Dormers, Ludham, Norfolk.
December 25.

Comparative merits of road and rail freight transport

From Mr Trevor Garrod

Sir, Sir Alfred Sherman claims ("Rail lobby's dead end", December 20) that rail transport is far more energy-intensive than road and creates "roughly ten times" as much pollution. He quotes no source for this statement.

Our own studies indicate that a 2,000hp railway locomotive can haul about 1,000 tonnes of freight, suggesting 2hp per tonne load. A large lorry can carry, say, 30 tonnes of payload requiring an engine of some 420hp: or 14hp per tonne load. This ratio of 7:1 in favour of rail is rather different to Sir Alfred's 1:10.

What is Sir Alfred's basis for his claim?

Yours sincerely,
TREVOR GARROD
(General Secretary,
Railway Development Society),
16 Clapham Road,
Lowestoft, Suffolk.
December 24.

From Councillor David Campbell Bannerman

Sir, The analysis contained in Sir Alfred Sherman's tirade is deeply flawed on at least two points.

His "5 per cent of journeys carried by rail" statistic must surely be derived by comparing rail journeys on the rail network with all road journeys on a road network some 21 times its size. It must also include overwhelmingly local trips, such as visits to the local shops (three quarters of journeys of all kinds are under five miles); these are hardly conducive either to train or motorway travel. Most local journeys may be made by road; but many more longer-distance passenger and freight journeys could be switched to rail.

Secondly, Sir Alfred complains about rail subsidy yet conveniently ignores road subsidy. Whilst rail subsidy is calculated annually, road subsidy — an amalgam of health (accidents cost £7 billion pa), social, environmental, policing and local authority costs, and tax breaks — is hidden in a variety of other budgets. If the road infrastructure had to make the same 8 per cent rate of return to be demanded from the rail infrastructure (Railtrack), the motorist would have to find another £20 billion a year (around £827 per vehicle) — alone worth more than all road taxes.

We should no longer allow the transport debate to be blurred by such smokescreens.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID C. BANNERMAN
(Chairman, Transport Committee),
The Bow Group,
92 Bishop's Bridge Road, W2.
December 21.

From Mr Robert H. Foster

Sir, Exactly the same discussion about cutting rail services and closing lines as is going on now (report, December 14), occurred after the last major rail strikes in 1982. The poor management and inefficiency of railways in this country (and in many others) since the war — in the face of stiff competition from other modes — are what lie at the root of the railways' ills.

You refer to the recent joint report by the editor of *Railway Gazette International*, Richard Hope. In a letter to *The Times* (November 17, 1975) following the withdrawal of the Liverpool-Hull Freightliner train which required four crews of three men each to move it 130 miles and back, he wrote that so long as it takes 12 men to perform a return journey which would be well within the daily capability of a single lorry driver, the natural advantage of rail transport would always be undermined.

Things have not changed much. You reported recently, in regard to the attempts to sell the heavily loss-making Freightliner business (Business article, November 11), that it took five drivers to operate a Freightliner train from Southampton to Leeds. A lorry driver would do the journey (255 miles by rail, 225 by road) comfortably in six hours.

What the railways of Britain require are a few equivalents of Richard Hope and Lord King and a Government dedicated to making rail transport efficient, cost-effective and attractive to the freight user and passenger.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT H. FOSTER,
Winterburn Grange,
Nr Skipton, North Yorkshire.
December 15.

Uneven honours

From Major-General Ken Perkins

Sir, In response to criticism of the honours system the Prime Minister said it would be revised. The revision does not match the ballyhoo (details, December 31). Unless there is a more rational and equitable distribution the honours system will begin to lose credibility as a vehicle for rewarding merit.

Without the pipe dream of a classless society, it is inevitable, excluding decorations for bravery, that levels of awards continue to be determined more by status than merit; any honours system would collapse were it otherwise. But how is it, for example, that the founder and driving force of the Samaritans is deemed worthy of only something less than the knighthood he surely merits?

Such anomalies are by no means exceptional. Automatic honours continue for those who have served their time — usually well paid — in particular positions. Nominations by the public have not removed the bias in favour of the upper echelons, a bias which has become less obvious following the removal of distinctions at the bottom end of the scale between honours awarded to "officers" and "other ranks".

Analysis of civilian awards requires more information than is readily available, but it is clear that the allocation is not much more equitable than in the military, where the balance between officers and other ranks is easily determined by virtue of the ranks attached to the recipients. Measured against this New Year's Honours Lists, officers are nine times more likely to be decorated than other ranks.

Honours should be reserved for activities well beyond what is normally expected and, by that criterion, other ranks qualify just as frequently as officers. Similar factors apply in the case of civilians.

Yours faithfully,
KEN PERKINS,
4 Bedwyn Common,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
January 1.

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London films

From Mr Dominic Wright

Sir, As a film producer living and working in and around London, words cannot express how pleased I am to see *The Times* praising the creation of a London film commission (report and leading article, December 29). For too many years we have struggled to bring foreign film, television and commercial productions to London, only to suffer the embarrassing delays and setbacks caused by a confusing and often apparently reluctant bureaucracy. At last there is light at the end of the tunnel.

I was deeply encouraged by the stress laid on the film and television industry as a rich source of foreign investment and export revenue.

You report that in the United States "the film and television industry is the country's second largest export earner" (after aviation) and that "One Hollywood movie shot in London can bring £25 million of inward investment".

Are the British business community and the Government finally waking up to the fact that film and television is not some esoteric cottage industry but an integral part of the global revolution in communications technology that will be a vital component of economic success or failure in the next century?

The creation of a London film commission is a step in the right direction, but only a first step. Long-term benefits for Britain from its own film industry can only come from proper capitalisation, allowing us to compete effectively in the international marketplace.

Yours faithfully,
DOMINIC WRIGHT,
Fantastic Films Limited,
Shepperton Studios, Studios Road,
Shepperton, Middlesex.
December 29.

From Mr Steve Parry

Sir, I welcome your leader calling for a London film commission. I also hope that 1995 will see the single most important development to enable inward investments on a London-wide basis: the return of a democratically elected strategic authority.

For prospective film-makers to be expected to deal with up to 33 different town halls is absurd; yet this is only one example of how the absence of a strategic authority places London at a disadvantage to every other major city in Europe.

Yours sincerely,
STEVE PARRY,
Action for London,
30 Whitehead Close,
Earlsfield, SW18.
December 30.

Height of rudeness

From the Reverend Peter Gledhill

Sir, John Crofts, writing about Rod Richards's article in the magazine *Barn* (letter, December 29), comments that there is no English word meaning tall which can be used, like the word "small", to convey an insult. Mr Richards's article was written not in English but in Welsh. The Welsh word *heglog* (lanky, long-legged) can be used as an insult. Sometimes Welsh can be more expressive than English.

Yours sincerely,
PETER GLEDHILL,
Yr Hen Felin,
Pwllfanogl,
Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Gwynedd.
December 29.

Footing West bill

From His Honour Judge Paul Collins

Sir, I note with interest the Gloucestershire police's problem meeting the bill for Frederick West without government help (report, January 2). Why doesn't the historic city host a party conference?

Section 170, Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, provides for payment from central funds for qualifying security measures for such occasions. With some creative accounting there might be something left over for catching criminals.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL COLLINS,
Wandsworth County Court,
76-8 Upper Richmond Road, SW15.
January 3.

No jobs on offer to trainee solicitors

From Mr Peter Carter-Ruck

Sir, Frances Gibb ("Innovative ways to promote equality", Law, December 20) rightly draws attention to what the Law Society describes as a "frightening situation", namely, that 10,000 students, including 4,000 qualified trainee solicitors, remain without a place in a law firm.

One does not have to look far for reasons.

In the past two decades, one has seen a gradual erosion, mainly through legislation, of the right and availability of solicitors to undertake the important work which used to be exclusively within the province of family solicitors up and down the country. What has happened?

First, the conduct and advice which was once the preserve of those best qualified to conduct the purchases and sales of private property — to many, the most important financial transaction in their lives — has effectively been taken away from solicitors and made available to "licensed conveyancers".

Secondly, the building of new affordable housing has fallen from 86,000 units in 1990 to only 24,000 in 1992, which would have provided much-needed accommodation, and work for solicitors.

Thirdly, eligibility for legal aid has been so emasculated as to take at least 12 million of those previously entitled to seek legal assistance out of the scheme.

Lastly, the Child Support Agency has taken from solicitors work which they are particularly qualified to undertake.

Yours faithfully,
PETER F. CARTER-RUCK,
75 Shoe Lane, EC4.

Labour's image

From Professor Stephen Haseler

Sir, I disagree with William Rees-Mogg ("Too many promises", December 22) that Labour's decision to concentrate upon constitutional reform will harm the party and "give Labour a cranky image".

On the contrary, this new interest in overhauling our "cranky" constitution is to the party's credit. For too long, ever since the death of Hugh Gaitskell, Labour has been propounding the wrong agenda. Many of us took the view that if Labour had advocated this democracy agenda rather sooner — instead of the failed "socialist transformation of society" — it would not have allowed itself to be marginalised these last 15 years.

Embracing the democracy agenda has certain very real advantages for Labour. It is cost-free (indeed, in some cases, such as reforming the Lords and the monarchy, will save us public money) and thus deflects the traditional Tory charge of Labour profligacy. Crucially, it chimes in with the growing public mood of disillusion, not just with the Government, but with the very system of government itself.

The reason why Labour (and the Liberal Democrats) have so many proposals for constitutional reform may simply be that there is such a large "democratic deficit" in our politics.

Come on, m'Lord, we can do better.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN HASELER,
2 Thackeray House,
Ansdell Street, Kensington, W8.
December 27.

Lottery matters

From Mr David Deane

Sir, Mr Marc Levine (letter, December 31), is obviously unaware that the legal profession, if not Camelot, already accepts the existence of a third gender.

In my recently completed new lease the wording is quite specific: "In this lease, words imparting one gender include both other genders."

Yours faithfully,
DAVID DEANE,
Tingle Creek, Beresford Road,
Portsmouth, Hampshire.
December 31.

Store of good will

From Mr Peter A. Fitzwater

Sir, The bad news, Mrs Judith White (letter, December 29), is that "Brownie points" are only redeemable immediately after death. But, that's also the good news!

Yours faithfully,
PETER A. FITZWATER,
6 Sunninghill Court, Ascot, Berkshire.

From Mr Desmond G. Harris

Sir, If Mrs White were a man I could give her a simple way to use up a 50-year stock of Brownie points — just once come home half-an-hour late for dinner.

Yours pointlessly,
DESMOND G. HARRIS,
Tudor Lodge, 9 Brecon Road,
Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, Avon.

From Dr Simon Dover

Sir, I suggest that Mrs White redeems her "Brownie points" at the bank which issues rain cheques.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON DOVER,
17 Blackwood Avenue,
Woolton, Liverpool 25.

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SANDRINGHAM
NORFOLK
January 3: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne at the Memorial Service for the Lord Elphinstone which was held in St Mary's Church, Worplesdon, this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
January 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by the Hon Mrs Rhodes at the Memorial Service for the Lord Elphinstone which was held in St Mary's Church, Worplesdon, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 3: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by the Hon Mrs Wills at the Memorial Service for the Lord Elphinstone which was held in St Mary's Church, Worplesdon, this afternoon.

Premium Bonds

The £1 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for January was won with bond number 2GT 145754. The winner lives in Bury, Lancashire, and has a bond holding of £1,560.

Memorial service

Lord Elphinstone
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by the Hon Mrs Rhodes at a memorial service for Lord Elphinstone held yesterday at St Mary's, Worplesdon, Surrey. Princess Margaret was represented by the Hon Mrs Wills. The Rev Roger Robins officiated. Mrs Joanna David read the lesson and Mr David Sheepshanks read *The Desiderata*. The Rev John Hoskyns gave an address.

Marjorie H. Moos

A memorial service for Marjorie H. Moos, devoted teacher of Liberal Judaism to several generations, will be held at The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, NW8 0DH, on Sunday, January 8, 1995, at noon.

Church of Scotland

Ordinations
The Rev Eileen Manson, Auxiliary Minister to Old West Kirk, Greenock
The Rev Gillean P. MacLean, Assistant Chaplain to the University of Aberdeen
Induction
The Rev Colin M. Anderson to St Stephen's with Old High, Inverness
Translation
The Rev Alison Paul from North, Motherwell, to Rhu and Shandon
Retirement
The Rev David H. Philpot from Geneva, Switzerland

Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners

The following have been elected honorary officers of the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP) at the recent AGM:
Geoffrey A Shindler, Chairman; Timothy J Bennett, Deputy Chairman; Ralph P Ray, Deputy Chairman; Richard J Citron, Treasurer; Jonathan P Cooke, Honorary Secretary.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Ussher, Archbishop of Armagh 1625-56, chronologist, Dublin, 1581; Giovanni Pergolesi, composer, Iesi, Italy, 1710; Jacob Grimm, philologist and folk-tale collector, Hanau, Germany, 1785; Louis Braille, inventor of the reading system for the blind, Coupvray, France, 1809; Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of a shorthand system, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, 1813; Augustus John, painter, Tenby, Dyfed, 1878.
DEATHS: Stephen Hales, clergyman, pioneer of plant physiology, Teddington, west London, 1761; Joseph John Gurney, philanthropist and writer, 1847; Cornelius Vanderbilt, financier, New York, 1877; Charles Keene, artist, Hammersmith, 1891; Benito Goldos, novelist and dramatist, Madrid, 1920; Henri Bergson, philosopher, Nobel laureate 1928, Paris, 1941; Ralph Vaughan Williams, composer, 1958; Albert Camus, novelist, Nobel laureate 1957, Sens, France, 1960; Erwin Schrodinger, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Vienna, 1961; T.S. Eliot, poet, Nobel laureate 1948, London, 1965; Donald Campbell, killed when his speedboat crashed on Coniston Water, Cumbria, 1967; Joy Adamson, naturalist and writer, Shaba Game Reserve, Kenya, 1980; Christopher Isherwood, novelist, California, 1986.
The Fabian Society was founded, 1884.
The first successful appendix operation was performed in Iowa by Dr Williams West Grant, 1885.
Chinese communists captured Seoul during the Korean War, 1951.
Rose Heilbron became the first woman to sit as a judge at the Old Bailey, 1972.

Deputy lieutenants

The following have been appointed Deputy Lieutenants for the County of Lincoln:
Brigadier R.A. Plummer, Mr P.H. Gibbons, Mr A.J.L. Worth, Air Vice Marshal T.P. White, Mrs C.S. Fenwick, Mr J.S. Good, Mr A.G. Jarvis and Mr R.P.C. Cracroft-Eley.

Youngsters learn skills as they restore their own homes

Run-down buildings are turned into flats

By Paul Wilkinson

LEEDS Action To Create Homes (Latch) is a project as *much about motivating* young homeless people as putting a roof over their heads.

Latch enables youngsters to renovate property so that they can live there while at the same time training them in the skills needed to achieve that. "We are empowering young people, allowing them to take control of their lives," Bryn Higgs, one of the originators of the scheme, said. "With self-help it shows young unemployed that there is a way forward and at the same time shows them the skills they might want to pick up. We are not a job-training scheme, but many of our people have gone on to full-time courses as a result of *what they have learnt with us.*"

Paul Towler, one of the *young people assisted by* Latch, said: "Apart from work-experience in brick work, *joinery and electrics* it has provided me with a home of my own. I was homeless and getting to the stage where I did not know where or who to turn to. Latch has given me confidence. Working in a group and having people listen to my opinions is a great feeling to have and one that I had lost."

Based in the run-down inner city suburb of Chapeltown, the group buys derelict *properties from Leeds council*, mainly 19th-century terrace homes, and converts *them into flats. Mr Higgs, 30,* and Tom Ruxton, Latch's co-founder, picked the city six years ago as its size makes it a focus for many unemployed homeless young people from all over the North.

Those who have worked on the restoration work then move in as tenants of Latch's housing co-operative, paying a rent approximating to the current level of housing benefit.

Latch's latest achievement is to convert a large house, bought from Leeds council for £5,000, into two two-bedroomed and one one-bedroomed flats. They are funded by grants from the Environment Department and charities including the Church of England Urban Fund, the Prince's Trust and the J. Paul Getty Foundation.

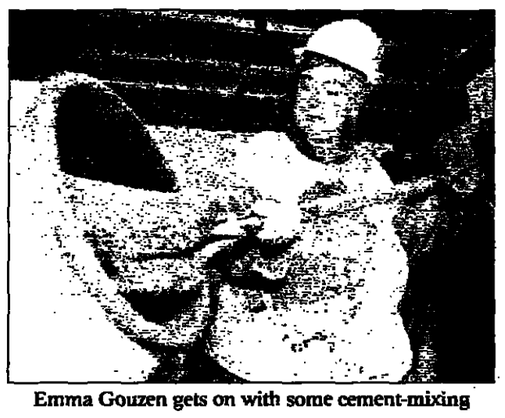
Much of the work has been done with donations from building industry suppliers, *ranging from tools and materials* to furniture and even vacuum cleaners.

Future plans for Latch include its own accredited training scheme and setting up a building firm employing former self-builders to contract for future work. *Leeds Action to Create Homes has won one of the two Chartwell Land/HACT Awards for Housing and Homelessness in the 1994 Community Enterprise Awards sponsored by* The Times *and Touche Ross and organised by Business in the Community. The Prince of Wales will present the awards in Manchester on February 8.*

JUSTIN SLEE



Terry Ibegudier at work renovating a house that may become his home



Emma Gouzen gets on with some cement-mixing

THE TIMES COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE AWARDS

Birthdays today

Professor Victoria Bruce, psychologist, 42; Miss Grace Bumbry, singer, 58; Mr Alexander Chancellor, journalist, 55; Miss Rosalie Crutchley, actress, 73; Mr Iain Cuthbertson, actor, 65; Mr Alan Dyer, Chief Constable, Bedfordshire, 61; Mr Guy Forget, tennis player, 30; Mr Abe Hamilton, fashion designer, 33; Professor K.J. Hancock, economist, 60; Sir Havelock Hudson, former chairman, Lloyd's, 76; Lieutenant-Commander Sir Ian Clark Hutchison, 92; Professor B. Josephson, physicist, 55; Air Vice-Marshal R.H. Kyle, 52; Professor L.E. Lanyon, Principal, Royal Veterinary College, 51; the Hon Diana Makgill, civil servant, 65; Mr John Marriott, governor, Parkhurst Prison, 48; Miss Margaret Marshall, opera and concert singer, 46; Mr Floyd Patterson, boxer, 60; Mr Nicholas Payne, director, The Royal Opera, Covent Garden, 50; the Earl of Ranfurly, 66; Mr T.J. Rix, publisher, 61; the Rev Edward Rogers, former Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, 86; Sir Alan Thomas, civil servant, 52; Sir Colin Turner, former MP, 73; Mrs Audrey Wise, MP, 60.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr Q.M.C. Anderson and Miss C.S. Macnamara
The engagement is announced between Quentin Michael Cordue, eldest son of Mr Michael Anderson, of Middlemarsh, Dorset, and Mrs David Part, of Pavilion Road, London, and Clare Susannah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Macnamara, of St Mary Bourne, Hampshire.

Mr D.S. Ball and Miss M.L. Lacamp
The engagement is announced between David Stewart, son of Mr and Mrs C. Frederick Ball, of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, and Melissa Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.F. Lacamp, of Norton, Kent.

Mr N.K. Cook and Miss H.L. Williams
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr William Cook, of Walberswick, Suffolk, and Mrs Vanessa Cook, of Menorca, Spain, and Heidi Louise, daughter of Colonel Richard Williams, of Benbecula, Scotland, and Mrs David Norsworthy and stepdaughter of Mr David Norsworthy, of Ashton Keynes, Wiltshire.

Mr T.M. Cunningham and Miss J.J. Long
The engagement is announced between Miles, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Cunningham, of Exeter, Devon, and Jacqueline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Carl Long, of Bournemouth, Dorset.

Mr R.O. Davies and Miss C.A. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Dr and Mrs R.H. Davies, of The Hague, and Camilla, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K.F.D. Wilson, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Mr D.S. Eddershaw and Miss L.R. Sibson
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs V. Eddershaw, of Walton-on-the-Wolds, Loughborough, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Sibson, of Hampstead, London.

Mr N.K. Foster Taylor and Miss G.F. Glanville
The engagement is announced between Nicolas Kelsham, elder *son of Mr and Mrs Tony Foster* Taylor, of Brownston, Devonshire, and Gillian Frances, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Glanville, of St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mr C.N.C. Gothard and Miss B.H.K.M. Fetsch
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mrs Susan M. Gothard and the late Mr John P.C. Gothard, of Formby, Lancashire, and Bettina, daughter of Herr Cornelius-Georg Fetsch and Frau Barbara Fetsch, of Angermund, Duesseldorf.

Mr J.H. Guild and Miss K.M. Hughes
The engagement is announced between Jamie, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.S. Guild, of Eccleshall, Staffordshire, and Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Hughes, of Woodford Green, Essex.

Mr P.H. Kerby and Miss R.J. Holford
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Dr and Mrs Ian Kerby, of Lisvane, Cardiff, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Holford, of Elmdon, Saffron Walden, Essex.

Mr S.J. Pring and Miss A.J. Edgar
The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Pring, of Tiverton, Devon, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Edgar, of Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Mr C.J. Huckle and Miss F.J. Thorne
The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Ron Huckle, of Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, and Fenella, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Thorne, of Peaslake, Surrey.

Mr A.A. Maurice and Miss Z.G. Efremova
The engagement is announced between Adrian Armstead, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brian Armstead Maurice, of Tunbridge Wells, and Zoia Gennadyevna, only daughter of Mr Gennady Alexandrovich and Mrs Tamara Georgyvna Efremovy, of Samara, Russia.

Mr N.B. Morgan and Miss H.J. Marcandonatos
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Bernard, eldest *son of Mr and Mrs Richard* Morgan, of Craig Penlline, South Glamorgan, and Helena Joanne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Tasos Marcandonatos, of Ickleton, Cambridgeshire.

Mr M.A.R. Parris and Miss L.R. Smith
The engagement is announced between Mark Anthony Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Parris, of East Malling, Kent, and Lucy Rebecca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Smith, of Chaddesley Corbett and Hong Kong.

Mr R.D. Rawlins and Miss J.S. O'Reilly
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr Michael Rawlins, of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and Mrs Bernard Harris, of Denholm, and Janine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. O'Reilly, of Solihull.

Mr A.D.B. Rimmer and Dr C.J. Temple
The engagement is announced between Alastair, only son of Mr and Mrs David Rimmer, of Ormskirk, Lancashire, and Caroline, only daughter of Professor and Mrs John Temple, of Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Mr J.H. Trusted and Miss M.E. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Harry, son of the late Dr Hugh Trusted and of Dr Jennifer Trusted, of Victoria Park Road, Exeter, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard B. Anderson, of Hermitage Gardens, Edinburgh.

Mr D.R. Walker and Miss S. Underwood
The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Walker, of Appletrees, Petersfield, Hampshire, and Suzy, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Underwood, of London.

Mr S.P. Webster and Miss J.A. Trotter
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs John K. Webster, of Southampton, and Jenny, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian M. Trotter, of Pyrford Green, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr M. Proudlock and Miss P.A. Lynall
The marriage took place on December 28, 1994, in Stratford-upon-Avon, of Mr Martin Proudlock, son of Brigadier Arthur Proudlock, of Cape Town, and Miss Penelope Anne Lynall, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Lynall, of Brailes, Warwickshire, formerly of Sutton Coldfield.

Church news

Church in Wales
The Rev John Gareth Griffiths, Vicar of Llanasa, to be Vicar of Rhuddlan (St Asaph).

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BIRTHS

BARR - On St John the Evangelist's Day, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, to Penelope (née Crowther-Hunt) and Andrew, a son, Joseph Yiannis, a brother to William and Eleni.

BLACKMORE - On Christmas Day 1994, to Alison (née Shropshire) and Peter, a daughter, Harriet Elizabeth.

CHURCHMAN - On 3rd January, to Caroline and Chris, a son, James Richard Thomas, a brother for *Harvey*.

COX - To Quenelda and Ronnie, a daughter, Natasha Mary, born January 1st 1995.

DAHL COTTAM - On 29th December 1994, to Heidi and Iain, two beautiful daughters, Isabella Margrete Rosella and Jessica Inger Alexandra.

DEPREE - On New Year's Day, to Julia (née Warner) and Max, a son, George William David.

FITZALAN HOWARD - On December 31st 1994, to *Emma and Gerald*, a daughter, Grace, a sister for Arthur and Florence.

GRUSSING - On December 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Kate (née Wojciechowski) and Jon, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Emma, a granddaughter to Robert, Madeleine, Paul and Ann.

HAYMAN - On December 30th, to Jane (née Shorer) and James, twins, a son, Alexander Philip and a daughter, Alice Elizabeth, brother and sister for Charlotte.

JOHNSON - On 26th December, to Jacqueline and Barry, a daughter, Samantha Elizabeth, a sister for Nichola and Robert.

KIND - On 27th December 1994, at the Chelsea and *Westminster Hospital*, to Anna and Tim, a son Charles Alexander Lancaster.

LAGHZAOUI - On 21st December 1994, to Vivien (nee Cadner) and Aziz, a daughter, Talia Aida.

MARSHALL - On Tuesday 3rd January 1995, to Tom and Alison, a daughter, Georgina.

McELWEE - Arrived one month ago - (later than forecast) - to Rosanne and Rob, a son - Oliver James Iain.

MEREDITH - On 22nd December, to Sally (née Oliver) and Nick, a daughter, Georgina Louise, a sister for Oliver.

MORGZ - On December 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Janyce and John, a beautiful daughter, Marianna Elena, weighing 7lbs and 11 ounces.

MOSS-ECCARDT - Sophie Mary born 30th December to Alexander and Jutta.

PAWSON - On 31st December, to Gill (née Shaw) and David, a daughter, Sophie Eve.

RANDELL - On December 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Celia (née Van Oss) and Charles, a son, George Richard, a brother for Edward and James.

ROYDEN - On January 1st 1995 at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Lucilla and John, a daughter, Lucinda Catherine Quenelda.

RUMACRES - To Julie (née Newton) and Charles, a perfect daughter, Ursula Mira, born in Sydney, Australia, on Monday 12th December 1994, a sister for Emily and Imogen.

SANDERS - On 28th December 1994, to Fiona (née Bullen) and Patrick, a son, Christian Henry Monrad.

SAVAGE - On January 2nd 1995, to Polly (née Selby-Lowndes) and Ben, a daughter, Agatha Mary MacEwan.

SHAW - On New Year's Eve, to Claire (née Bernie) and Nick, a son, Matthew.

TINSLEY - On December 22nd 1994, to Jane (née Gooderham) and Graham, a daughter, Chelsea Lillian Mary, a sister for Christopher and Ashley.

TOCKNELL - On Sunday 1st January at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Susan (née Beadman) and Michael, a son, Brook.

WORSLEY - To Philip and Mary, a son, Robert, on December 30th 1994, at Princess Anne Maternity Unit, Bolton, a brother for Henry and Christian.

YOUELL - On December 29th at the Chelsea and Westminster, to Maggie (née Rogers) and Nick, a beautiful daughter, Francesca Amy.

DEATHS

BALLEK - On Sunday January 1st 1995, peacefully after a long illness Eva aged 78, devoted and dearly loved wife of Otto, Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12.30 pm Friday January 6th. No flowers, donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign, 6-10 Cambridge Terrace, NW1 4JL, or Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, SE5 8RD.

BAXTER - On 29th December 1994, Michael Scott, peacefully at home, beloved husband of Elizabeth and father of Nick. Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 10th January 1995 at St Mary's Church, Osterley Road, Isleworth, at 10 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Musicians Benevolent Fund.

BLACK - Diane (née Forbes) on 27th December 1994, much loved mother of Duncan. All enquiries F. Paine & Co. (081) 994-0066.

BRAITHWAITE - (*née* Brown Douglas) Jane, beloved wife of Tony, mother of Robert, Amanda and Rosemary, *Bam to Mark, Melissa and* Sam. Suddenly but peacefully on December 31st 1994. Service of Thanksgiving at Christchurch Forum, Trafalgar Road, Greenwich, SE10, Monday January 9th 1995 at 2 pm, followed by a family cremation. Family flowers only, but at her request, donations to the Royal Alfred Seafarers' Society, "Weston Acres", Woodmansterne Lane, Banstead, Surrey SM7 3HR.

CAMPBELL - On 26th December, Sylvia Ann, adored wife of Alan and mother of Alexander, Theresa, Jamie, Andy and Nick, beloved daughter of Sylvia and the late Richard Hermon and dearest sister and aunt. Private family service on Friday 6th January. Please no flowers. Donations to Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital c/o Weymans Funeral Service, tel: (01223) 364289.

CASS - Joan E., aged 93, died peacefully on 13th December. Elder daughter of Rev. Bingley & Evelyn Cass. Former lecturer in Child Development, Institute of Education, London & author of books for children. Beloved aunt of Rosemary, Ruth and Michael. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium, *11.30 am Sat 7th January.*

CHARRINGTON - On 1st January 1995, Betty, widow of Peter, much loved mother of *Fay*, James and Charles and loving grandmother. Funeral private. Thanksgiving Service at Margaret Marsh Church, near Shaftesbury, on 25th January at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations to the Injured Jockey's Appeal c/o G.E. Johnson & Son (Funeral Directors), 41/43 High Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

CUNNACK WEMYSS - *On* 31st December 1994, Alice Cunnack Wemyss, wife of the late Frank Cunnack and daughter of Admiral of The Fleet Lord Wester Wemyss. Funeral private. Interment at Chapel Gardens on Monday 9th January at 12 noon.

DEARNLEY - On December 31st peacefully in Bradford-on-Avon Hospital, Wiltshire, Margaret (Pickie), widow of Scotty: dearly loved mother of Meryll and grandmother of Fabian, Camilla and Justin. Funeral Service on Wednesday 11th January at 1.30 pm at Boscombe Cemetery. Flowers and enquiries or donations if desired to Shipwrecked Mariners Society to Derek-Scott Funeral Directors, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road, Boscombe, BH7 6AN.

ELLIS - Laura aged 81 peacefully on 29th December 1994 after a short illness bravely fought. Beloved wife for 59 years of Frank, dearly loved mother of Michael and Caroline, and special grandmother to Simon, James, Sarah and Louisa. She was a joy to all who knew her. Cremation on Tuesday 10th January at 11:30 at Randalls Park, Leatherhead. Family flowers only. Donations to Princess *Alice Hospice, Esher.*

FOSTER - Peacefully in hospital on January 3rd, aged 85, Major-General Norman *Leslie Foster, C.B.* D.S.O., beloved husband of the late Joan, much loved father of Andrew and Christopher and grandfather of Nicholas and Piers. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at Seale Parish Church, Farnham, at 2 pm on Wednesday 5th February.

FOX - Eric Joseph, on 31st December. Survived by Noreen, Elizabeth, Alexander and Jonathan. Funeral Mass at St Clare's, Arundel Avenue, on Monday January 9th at 12.10 pm, to be followed by cremation at Springwood Crematorium at 1.15 pm. All enquiries to Leadbetter & Murphy (051) 733-3323.

FRANGOPULOS - On Thursday 29th December, at Athens, Vicky, beloved wife of Manoli and mother of George.

GAVIN - On December 31st 1994, Barbara Anne Elizabeth (nee Murray), darling wife of Maj-Gen Jim Gavin, adored mother of Lindy, Angus and Jan, and Camel to Sophie, Emma and Holly (born Dec 26th). Funeral at St Luke's Church, Lynch, nr. Redford, at 12 noon on Friday January 6th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Macmillan Service or the RNLI, c/o Lincoln & Sons, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex.

GITON-YOUNG - Very peacefully at the home of her niece, Lavender Davy, West Lavington, on 1st January 1995, Victorine of Dolphin Square, loved sister, aunt, great and great-great-aunt. Funeral private.

HARRIS - On 3rd January in Warrnambool Hospital after a long and courageous fight against cancer, Barbara Ellen (née James), formerly of Young NSW and Lymington, dearly loved wife of John (Archie). No flowers, please send donations to the MacMillan Unit at Salisbury c/o L. Herwood Funeral Directors, Salisbury (01722) 413136.

HODSON - Felicity Margaretta of Lustica, Co. Tipperary Dearly loved by Stanley her husband and by her daughters Kitty and Marion. Died in a car accident on 3rd January. Funeral at Killotternan Church at 12 noon on Saturday 7th January. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the National Council for the Blind of Ireland.

INMAN - On 31st December 1994, at home in Lewes, East Sussex, William Maurice, aged 86 years. Beloved husband of Deirdre. Funeral Service to take place at Southover Parish Church, Lewes, on Tuesday January 10th at 11.30 am, followed by private burial. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, (0273) 475657.

JEFFERY - George, the Bookseller of Farringdon Road Stalls. Died peacefully in his sleep 30th/31st December 1994 whilst visiting his son in Dorset. Private funeral will take place in Dorset. If you ever knew him, or purchased an item from him, please send a small donation to St Joseph's *Hospice*, Mare Street, Hackney, E8. R.I.P. His wife, children and grandchildren.

KELSEY - *On* December 31st, peacefully, Maureen Josephine, widow of Hennage Marchant. Beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Rudgwick, on Wednesday January 11th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only.

KNIGHT - Peacefully at Corstorphine Hospital, Edinburgh, on 30th December 1994, Irene B. Knight OBE, DNLONDI SRN, HV, MBHE, FRSH, Former Chief Professional Adviser at Scottish Council for Health Education, Professional Adviser Council for Education and Training for Health Visitors. Service at Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel, Edinburgh, on Friday 6th January at 12.45 pm, to which all friends and former colleagues are invited. No flowers please but donations if desired to Scottish Council for Single Parents, 13 Gayfield Square, Edinburgh EH1 3NX.

LARKIN - On 1st January 1995 at Lister Hospital, Major James (Jim, Sonny) Patrick M.B.E. of Newnham, *Hertfordshire*. Beloved husband of Noreen, devoted father of James and Trish and loving grandfather of Georgie, Alexander, Charlie, Dominic, James and Henry. Funeral Service Saturday 7th January 12.30 hrs at St Vincent's Church, Newnham. Flowers and all enquiries to E.H. Crouch, 23A Hitchin Street, Baldock, tel: (0462) 893191.

LEE - Brian, Head of Design National Youth Theatre of Great Britain, died at home in London after a long battle against cancer on 29th December 1994. Private funeral on January 6th at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, London. Memorial service at a later date to be announced. No flowers. Donations to Radiotherapy Research and Amenities Fund c/o Leverton and Sons Ltd, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

LEE - Peacefully at home on 1st January 1995, Greta Eveline (née Foord), beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service on Friday 6th January at St Mary's Church, Dunblane, 11 am, to which all friends are respectfully invited.

LETHBRIDGE - On January 2nd 1995, peacefully at home, in her 97th year, Edith Marian Lethbridge, widow of Captain Wroth T.C. Lethbridge, of Great Snoring, Faleenham, Norfolk. Private family cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Snoring, on Saturday 22nd April at 3 pm.

LEVEY - Diana on 26th December after a long illness. Memorial Service St Hilda's Church, Woodthorpe/ Stanwell Roads, Ashford, Middlesex, on Saturday 7th January at 11 am.

LIDDLE - On December 28th in his 91st year, George William Umpleby Liddle MBE, of Gargrave House, Gargrave, Skipton, North Yorkshire. Much loved 'Uncle George' to so many. *Cremation has taken place.* He will be sadly missed by his family but with so many happy memories.

LINDNER - Patricia (née Corrarich), dearly loved widow of the late Ingram Joseph Lindner and beloved mother of Elizabeth Hart, died peacefully after great illness at Charing Cross Hospital on 24th December 1994. Funeral at the West London Crematorium, Kensal Green on Thursday 5th January 1995 at 3.45 pm.

LOUSADA - Sheila Fraser, on 2nd January 1995, aged 85, peacefully and after a long illness bravely borne, at home. Widow of Hugo and much loved mother of Tony and daughter in law De. Private funeral, family flowers only.

MILLER - David Alan of Cambridge, passed suddenly to rest on Sunday January 1st 1995. Funeral Service in Trumpington Church on Saturday January 7th at 2pm. All enquiries to Townsends Funeral Service, tel: (01223) 843182.

MONCUR - On January 2nd 1995, peacefully at home, 7 The Canongate, St Andrews, Nina Borrie, beloved wife of *the late A.J.L. Mescur* and devoted mother of Sheila and Alastair and mother-in-law of Valerie. Service at Perth Crematorium on Monday January 9th at 11.30 am. Friends please accept this the only intimation and invitation. Family flowers only please.

NEWMAN - On December 31st, peacefully in the Royal Gloucestershire Hospital: Philip Harker Newman, CBE., DSO., MC., FRCS, Beloved husband of Anne, father of Richard, Tony and Penny and much loved grandfather. Service to be held at St Peter and Paul Church, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, at 2.30 pm on January 10th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only; donations, if desired, to Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital c/o Mr Tony Brown, Funeral Director, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

PHIPPEN - Suddenly on 23rd December at Toulouse Hospital, Garnet of Vigier, Blitge, 19120 France. Much beloved partner of Jill, dearly loved father of Carla, Gay and Jonathan. Details of memorial service from J.G.C.F. Phippen, The Hollies, Stanton St Quintin, Wilts. SN14 6DQ.

RABIN - David, suddenly on 30th December while on holiday. Much loved husband of Evelyn and father of Anthony, Jonathan and Diana. Funeral private.

SALAMAN - Myer Head, on Saturday 31st December 1994, aged 92 years, eldest son of Redcliffe and Nina Salaman, much loved husband of Esther, father, brother, father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. Service and burial at The Liberal Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, NW10, Monday January 9th at 2.30 pm. Donations can be sent to Cancer Research Campaign, 10 Cambridge Terrace, NW1.

SELIGMAN - On December 31st, peacefully at home, Douglas D. Seligman, aged 92 years, Eldest Son of the late Sir Charles and Lady Seligman, Husband of Bridget, Father of Frances, the late Francchon, Carolyn and Tamsin. Funeral service at Crawley Parish Church, Near Winchester on Friday 6th January at 10.30 am, Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to Hampshire N.F.U. Benevolent Fund c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

SHEPHARD - Stella Kathleen - On December 31, 1994, in hospital, in the 41st year of her residence in Hong Kong. Sister to Linda, companion to Bill, aunt of Rhiannon and Mark. Deeply mourned. The body reposes at the Hong Kong Funeral Home, Kings Road. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St John's Cathedral on Friday 6th January 1995 at 2 pm followed by cremation (private) at Cape Collinson. At Peace.

SIMMS - On January 1st 1995, Arthur Neville, Lt. Cmdr. (Royal Navy retd.) M.B.E. of Brook Street, Cannington, Bridgwater, Somerset, passed suddenly but peacefully away aged 77 years. Funeral Service at Cannington Parish Church on Tuesday January 10th at 11 am, followed by cremation. All enquiries to Crandfield & Son Funeral Directors, Nether Stowey.

STEADMAN - Janet (nee Lee) suddenly and peacefully on 30th December 1994. Funeral Parish Church St Tudy, Cornwall 5th January 11am subsequent cremation.

SUMMERHAYES - Peacefully on 2nd January 1995 at Pitchcombe, Gloucestershire, Mercy Beatson Summerhayes, aged 102 years. The Funeral Service will take place at St Mary's Church, Painswick, on Thursday 12th January at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to The Church Missionary Society c/o Mr H. Marshall, Watterson Todmam, 133 The Promenade, Cheltenham, Glos.

TYERS - Suddenly on January 1st at his home in Mhangula, Zimbabwe, John Andrew Tyers, aged 47, *formerly of Henbury*, Bristol. A dearly loved son, brother, husband and father.

VICK - Joan, much loved wife of His Honour Richard Vick, after a short illness bravely borne, in Sydney, Australia, on 30th December 1994. Funeral in Australia on Wednesday 4th January 1995.

WAINWRIGHT - James Francis George, peacefully passed away on December 10th 1994, late of Portsmouth Dockyard and Malta Dockyard. Foster Wheeler Ltd., Bechtel Ltd. Sadly missed by his wife Dulcie, his son Jim and daughter-in-law Rosaline, grandchildren Alexander and Esther.

WAYNE - Eleanor Theodora, last surviving child of Canon and Mrs St John Wayne of Conington. Peacefully in Bridgnorth on 28th. No flowers, donations to Quatford Church.

WESTLEY - Of Reindeer House, Sweatfield, Lincolnshire, suddenly on 1st January 1995 in Prestatyn, aged 82, Antony Charles Dennis, formerly Major Royal Artillery. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Gwaenfield, at 2 pm on Tuesday 10th January. No flowers but donations if desired for St Nicholas Church, Sweatfield, where Tony was Minister may be directed to David Holland & Son, London Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

WEST - On 28th December, Christopher, husband of Lesley and loving father of Tom and Timothy. Funeral Service St Paul's Church, Chichester, Friday 6th January at 1 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, may be sent to The Samaritans c/o Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester (02443) 782136. Details of a Memorial Service will be announced later.

WILLS - On Monday 2nd January 1995, *suddenly but* peacefully at her home, Elizabeth Drusilla Alice Clare (née Cantrell), widow of Sir John Spencer Wills and beloved mother of Colin and Nicholas and grandmother of Victoria, Harry, David, Emily and Katherine. *Funeral at Penhurst* Parish Church, near Battle, East Sussex, 11 am on Tuesday 10th January 1995. Flowers if wished through Michael Matthews (0831) 660576 or (0323) 832146.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CAMPS - A Memorial Service for Miriam Camps, wife of W.A. Camps, will be held at Pembroke Chapel on Friday January 6th at 3.30 pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to either the Lisboa District Nurses or the MacMillan Nurses.

MACLAREN - A Memorial Service will be held for the late Alastair Maclaren at 12 noon on Wednesday 18th January at St Lawrence Jewry next to the Guildhall, London.

MEDLEY - A Celebration of the life of Robert Medley CBE, RA at 6 pm on Wednesday 18th January at St James', Piccadilly, London.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

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speech for, when living,
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dead; the communication
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fire beyond the language
of the living'
- Valerie

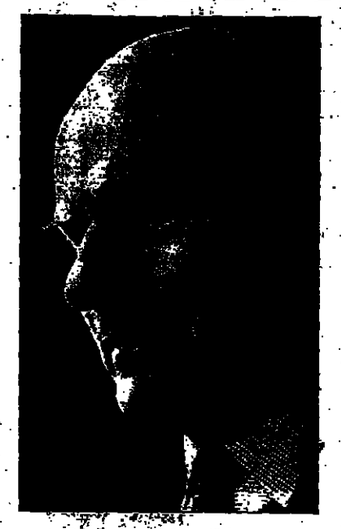
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OBITUARIES

SIR HENRY PHELPS BROWN

Sir Henry Phelps Brown, MBE, FBA, economist, died in Oxford on December 15 aged 88. He was born in Calne, Wiltshire, on February 10, 1906.



HENRY PHELPS BROWN was one of the most distinguished economists of his generation. Throughout most of the 1960s he was an adviser to governments on wages and prices, first as one of the Three Wise Men of the Macmillan years, then as a founder member of the National Economic Development Council and finally, some time after he had taken early retirement in 1968, as a member of the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth, 1974-78.

Phelps Brown favoured an incomes policy and was no lover of an economic free-for-all which was, in due course, to allow privileged Top People to receive sudden huge increases in their earnings. His last book, published in 1988, was called *Egalitarianism and the Generation of Inequality*.

Ernest Henry Phelps Brown grew up in a business environment: his father was an ironmonger in the small market town of Calne, and the family lived over the shop. This small-scale business background deeply affected him, and at the centre of his economic thinking he never forgot that people were more important than statistics.

Helped by his friend John Bowlby, the psychiatrist, he soon came to perceive the importance of social psychology, long before the "feel-good" factor was more widely appreciated. During his lifetime he was to see economics develop from a field of literary and political discourse into a profession; but towards the end of it he became a stern critic of the profession, complaining of the "rarefied atmosphere" in which many of its members operated, "more attracted by the intellectual difficulty of problems than by any application to practice". Economic models were all very well, Phelps Brown said, but he doubted whether a model could "come close enough to the actual economic component of human affairs to be a guide to policy".

A very bright child, showing something of the precocity of John Stuart Mill by being able to read books on his own by the age of three, Phelps Brown had no difficulty in bounding up the education ladder, winning scholarships first to Taunton School and then to Wadham College, Oxford. He got a first in history before going on to take the expected first in PPE after two further years. His tutor in the relatively meagre economics part of Modern Greats was Lionel Robbins, to whose fellowship at New College he succeeded when Robbins moved to the chair at the LSE.

He also found time to represent his university in cross-country running (1926) and to participate in debates at the Oxford Union Society, becoming its secretary in 1928.

Before settling in as one of Oxford's few teachers of economics, the subject's social responsibilities in the harsh modern world were again borne in upon him when he went to the depression-torn United States in 1930 — having won a Rockefeller Travelling Fellowship.

In the 1930s Phelps Brown's humane view of applied economics appealed to a generation of students only a few years younger than he was himself and he taught them with conviction and enthusiasm. His approach was basically statistical and he ranged back and forth over time. The recently created Oxford Institute of Statistics became a particular focus of interest. Movements in wages and prices concerned him especially and so did economic fluctuations. His historical training is clearly evident in *The Framework of the Pricing System* (1936) and the study of economic fluctuations in Britain between 1924 and 1936 which came out in *Oxford Economic Papers* (1939).

He was away fighting with the Royal Artillery throughout the war. He served with the BEF and was rescued from the Dunkirk beaches; and then, after a spell in Air Defence, he went abroad again with the First and Eighth Armies, staying with his men, resisting calls for his return from the Ministry of Production and eventually rising to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He wrote about the BEF phase of his life in a novel, *The Balloon* (1953).

Wartime emphasis on discipline and leadership strengthened his extremely methodical way of working, and in 1947 he moved to the LSE as London University's first Professor of the Economics of Labour. At the LSE he found other outstanding specialists such as T. S. Ashton and R. S. Sayers; and his collaboration with A. W. H. (Bill) Phillips on the relationship between unemployment and changes in money wages proved most fruitful.

His historical training again came to the fore from the later 1940s when he started looking into changes in wage rates in five European countries between 1860 and 1939. This work developed into what was later to be called his study of "Wages through the Ages", stretching back in southern England's case as far as 1254. This painstaking work was carried out during the 1950s, and published in a series of much-noted articles between 1955 and 1961. They became a more accessible standard work of reference when hauled together and published in book form: Phelps Brown's and Sheila V. Hopkins's *A Perspective of Wages and Prices* (1981).

His other great success was *A Course in Applied Economics* (1951), printed and reprinted five times before a new edition was called for in 1964. *The Growth of British Industrial Relations* (1959) was a further example of economic history at its soundest, a penetrating analysis of the critical, turbulent years between 1906 and 1914. Other timely books followed on pay, including *A Century of Pay* (1968) which dealt with the economics of labour and the origins of trade union power.

Various distinctions and honours came his way: an MBE in 1945; Fellowship of the British Academy (1960); presidency of the Royal Economic Society (1970-72); a knighthood (1976); honorary degrees from Heriot Watt University (1972) and Durham (1981). When he went back to live in Oxford after his retirement from London, his college there, Wadham, elected him to an honorary fellowship. So did New College in 1987.

Achievement and honours did not alter his modest, retiring nature. While he was teaching in London, he rode from his home in Hampstead to Aldwych by motorbike, sometimes carrying a son to school for part of the way as pillion passenger. Those who helped him with his researches were visited every day and the day's work discussed. This active involvement inspired great devotion.

Phelps Brown was a tall, upright man who retained something of a military bearing — quietly dignified, conscientious and well-ordered at all times. He married Evelyn — John Bowlby's sister — in 1932, and she survives him, together with his two sons and a daughter.

ROGER WILLIAMS

Roger Williams, opera and theatre director, died from cancer on December 28 aged 52. He was born on August 26, 1942.



ALTHOUGH Roger Williams divided his working life equally between straight theatre and opera, it was in the theatre that he started and to which he returned in his later years. A Thames Television director's bursary won at the Central School of Speech and Drama took him to the Liverpool Rep in 1966, and two years later to the Royal Court in its heyday, where as well as directing the premieres of Robert Thornton's *The Big Romance* (with Brian Cox), Dennis Carman's *One at Night* and a Theatre Upstairs staging of Christopher Hampton's *When Did You Last See My Mother?*, he worked closely with William Gaskill and Lindsay Anderson, acting as the latter's assistant on the film *Oh Lucky Man*.

He moved into opera production in the 1970s, as associate director of both the New Opera Company (NOC) and (with Graham Vick) of Colin Graham's English Music Theatre (EMT), the repertory company that grew out of Britten's English Opera Group. For the NOC he directed the world premiere of Nicola LeFanu's *Dawnpath* (1977) in a double bill with Elisabeth Lutyens's *Infidelio*, as well as assisting Anthony Besch on Lutyens's *Time Off? Not a Ghost of a Chance!* and Jonathan Miller on Goehr's *Arden Must Die*. The first UK performance of Conrad Susa's *Transformations* (1978) was the climax of his association with that purposeful and much-missed collective the EMT, where he was also co-director with Graham of *The Fairy Queen* and one of the few successful British productions of *The Threepenny Opera*.

When EMT closed at the end of the decade after the withdrawal of Arts Council funding, Williams went to Glyndebourne to work mainly with Sir Peter Hall. He directed Hall's *Nozze di Figaro* at the 1981 and 1984 Festivals, also for Glyndebourne Touring Opera, and later directed the American national tour of *Amadeus* based on Hall's production.

In the end it was perhaps a certain austerity and fastidiousness of approach, characteristic of the Royal Court where he won his spurs, that led Williams away from opera back to the straight theatre, but he was not too fastidious to have directed a boldly lined staging of *La Juive* for the sadly defunct Nottingham University Opera in 1974, a staging that also treated the work as serious drama. In recent years he worked regularly in Athens with the Greek actress-manager Mimi Denissi, directing many British plays for her company in Greek, and taught at LAMDA and the Drama Centre.

His last West End show was *Brand* at the Aldwych in Robert David MacDonald's new translation, with Roy Marsden in the lead (1991). That production, bold in overall concept, spare but striking in its effects, concentrated entirely on the text, was typical of his work — unshowy, self-effacing and single-minded in its service of the author.

He is survived by his wife and their daughter.

AIR COMMODORE RODERICK CHISHOLM



Air Commodore Roderick Chisholm, CBE, DSO, DFC, and Bar, wartime night-fighter ace, died on December 7 aged 83. He was born on November 23, 1911.

ENGAGED as a night-fighter pilot from the outset of the Second World War, when the art was in its infancy, Rory Chisholm served in 604 Squadron with the celebrated John "Cats' Eyes" Cunningham. He went on to enjoy the benefits of radar as an aid to night interception and later in the war, with 100 Group, was in charge of long-range night-fighter sorties in support of Bomber Command's raids on Germany.

Roderick Aeneas Chisholm was educated at Ampleforth and the Imperial College of Science and Technology, where he read chemistry. In 1932 he joined the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company (now British Petroleum) as a research chemist. From 1935 until the war he worked in Iran at the Abadan refinery, and afterwards as a technical service manager in Tehran.

In 1932 he had joined the Auxiliary Air Force and when war broke out was a pilot with 604 Squadron RAAF, one of Britain's first night-fighter squadrons. At that stage 604 was flying the Blenheim IF, a bomber design already obsolete even for that function, but nevertheless in the absence of any other suitable aircraft hastily converted to night-fighting duties. At that stage, night-fighting consisted of peering hopefully round the skies, trusting to spot enemy aircraft.

The advent of the faster and much more powerfully-armed Beaufighter altered the picture and Chisholm scored his first kills in March 1941 when he shot down two He 111s in a single night. This feat won him his first DFC and he repeated it in the following month, shooting down two more He 111s on April 9. By July he had brought his bag of enemy night-fighters and bombers up to seven and won a second DFC.

He was now appointed a fighter controller, which took him out of the frontline and prevented him from adding to his score for some time. From June 1942 he commanded the Fighter Interception Unit at Ford, Sussex, carrying out tests to improve the effectiveness of airborne interception radars.

He was not back on operations again until 1944 when he was posted to the staff of 100 Group, which had been set up to find ways of minimising Bomber Command's fearful losses at the hands of the German night-fighters. Though on the staff, Chisholm was able to get airborne again as the policy of sending out Mosquito and Mustang long-range fighters to confuse the German defences was developed. In the course of 1944 he added two more German night-fighters — Me 110s — to his score, while flying a Mosquito. He was awarded the DSO for this work.

At the end of the war Chisholm was involved in the interrogation of various German night-fighter aces, many of whom could attest to the success of 100 Group's tactics. Chisholm's book on night-fighter operations, *Cover of Darkness*, appeared in 1953.

After the war he became personnel manager of Kuwait Oil before, in 1955, joining Iranian Oil Services, becoming general manager and later chairman. He retired in 1970, but continued active as honorary treasurer of the Georgian Group, a trustee of the Leach Trust and as a guide at Winchester Cathedral. He also pursued his penchant for making fine furniture and decoration out of the most unpromising materials.

He is survived by his wife Sanchia, a son and two daughters.

PER FEDERSPIEL



Per Federspiel, Danish Resistance veteran, politician and diplomat, died on November 27 aged 89. He was born in 1905.

USING the codename "Smallholder", Per Federspiel acted as the paymaster of the Danish Resistance during the Second World War. Afterwards he was a member of the Danish parliament for many years. He held ministerial office for two years, was a Danish delegate to the United Nations for three and a member of the European Parliament for a further two. For many years few political figures of substance from abroad visited Copenhagen without meeting him.

Per Torben Federspiel was born in Berlin. His father was a Danish lawyer who had an interest, rare in his generation, in international affairs. He sent his son to Harrow, where the boy learnt — and never lost — a cultivated and perfect command of English that was to prove unusual even in that most anglophone of foreign capitals, Copenhagen.

After Harrow, Federspiel completed his education in law in Copenhagen. He then spent a year in London as the correspondent of a Danish newspaper, before starting to build a legal career that was later to include appearances before the International Court of Justice in The Hague as well as in the Danish courts.

When in April 1940 Germany invaded Denmark, Federspiel quickly sought out a British diplomat and laid the foundations for eventual British support for the Danish Resistance.

The links between the Special Operations Executive and the Danish Resistance developed slowly, as did the Danish Resistance itself, but the contact with London which Federspiel had established was crucially important.

In January 1942 he went to Stockholm and with another stalwart of the Resistance, Ebbe Munch, devised arrangements to finance and equip the Danish Resistance which included smuggling funds into Denmark, the sale of diamonds, and the imposition of a levy on Danish business circles. Gradually Federspiel became the movement's paymaster, equipped with a codename, "Smallholder", which was singularly inappropriate to this most urbane of lawyers.

In April 1944 the Gestapo picked up Federspiel. Their intelligence told them that "Smallholder" was a key figure in the Resistance, but fortunately they did not know that this was their prisoner's codename. He successfully withstood interrogation and a year in a concentration camp in Denmark.

Released two months before Denmark's liberation in 1945, Federspiel, by then 40, went on to occupy a central position in the political life that gradually revived in Denmark. He was also well placed to represent his country to foreigners, and foreign concerns to his countrymen.

He continued his legal career, bringing his international and his legal interests together in his work as honorary legal adviser to successive British ambassadors for more than 30 years.

Federspiel was a founder member and chairman of the Danish Foreign Policy Society, and he continued his association with it well into his retirement.

In it he and some of his associates in the Resistance set themselves to ensure that their compatriots learnt the lessons of the war — that Denmark could not stand apart from the world; it had to pursue and protect its interests in friendship and partnership with its European and Atlantic as well as its Scandinavian neighbours. Their work bore fruit in Denmark's membership of the European Union.

Federspiel received many Danish honours. His retirement as honorary legal adviser in 1977 was marked also by the award of an honorary KBE. He is survived by his wife Elin Zahle, whom he married in 1934, and their four children.

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One by one the secrets of war-time London are being disclosed. It is now known that when London was threatened with invasion three underground buildings were constructed, at strategic points, to house the nation's leaders and certain Government departments. The largest of these buildings was on the site of an old gasholder in Horseferry Road, Westminster, and it became known as the "Horseferry Road Citadel." Its purpose was to shelter the War Cabinet, the Chiefs of Staff, and their immediate staffs to the number of 2,000 in the event of mass bombing or enemy landings dislocating or destroying the usual centres of administration. Thousands of Londoners must have walked along Horseferry Road and Marsham Street and never realised that beneath their feet was a citadel equipped with the most modern products of science and engineering. The entrances were inconspicuous. One was through a gap in a hoarding and two were described as "holes in the ground." In this subterranean headquarters were three miles of corridors and nearly a thousand rooms. The fortress was bomb-proof and poison gas-proof, and had its own power plant, water supply, and radio station. It would have been fully used if a last-ditch stand had become necessary, and could have carried on for three weeks, without contact with the outside world, had London been besieged. So strong was this underground fortress that experts believe that if an atom bomb had been dropped on it, the steel and concrete crust, nearly 12ft. thick, would have been sufficient protection. The heart of the fortress was a miniature power station with four Petter diesel-electric generating sets developing in all 1,500 hp. Sunk 60ft. below street level, and with fuel supply for nearly a month, the fortress was provided with light and power and with an air-conditioning plant which could be operated by pressing a button and would give protection against any known poison gas. Happily, the building was never put to full-scale emergency use. The power for its services has, in general, been obtained from the local electricity supply undertaking. On occasions of grid failure the services have been maintained with complete success by the diesel-engined plant intended to cope with war emergencies. The fact that excavations had taken place on the site for a new gas-holder assisted the speedy preparation of the citadel.

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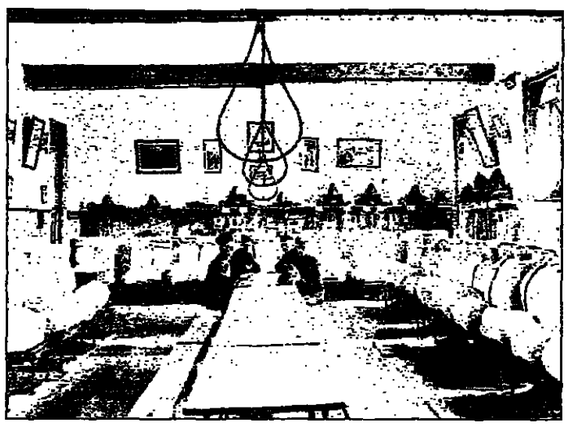
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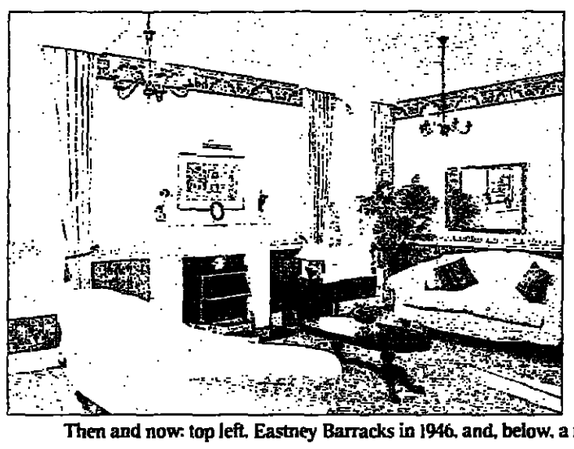
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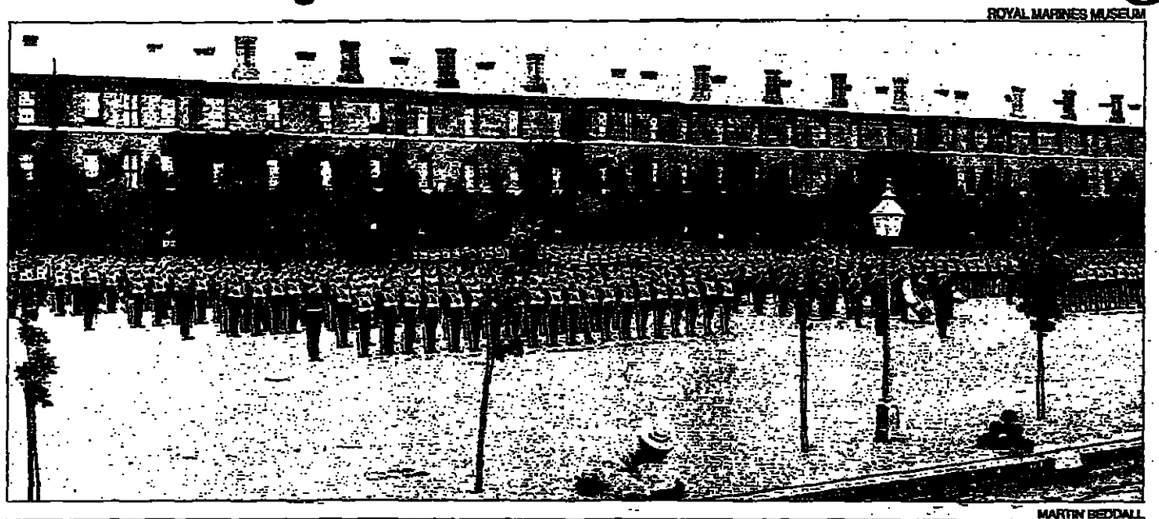
Why the military machine is selling up

The great Victorian barracks are being sold off and turned into family homes. Giles Coren assesses the peace dividend

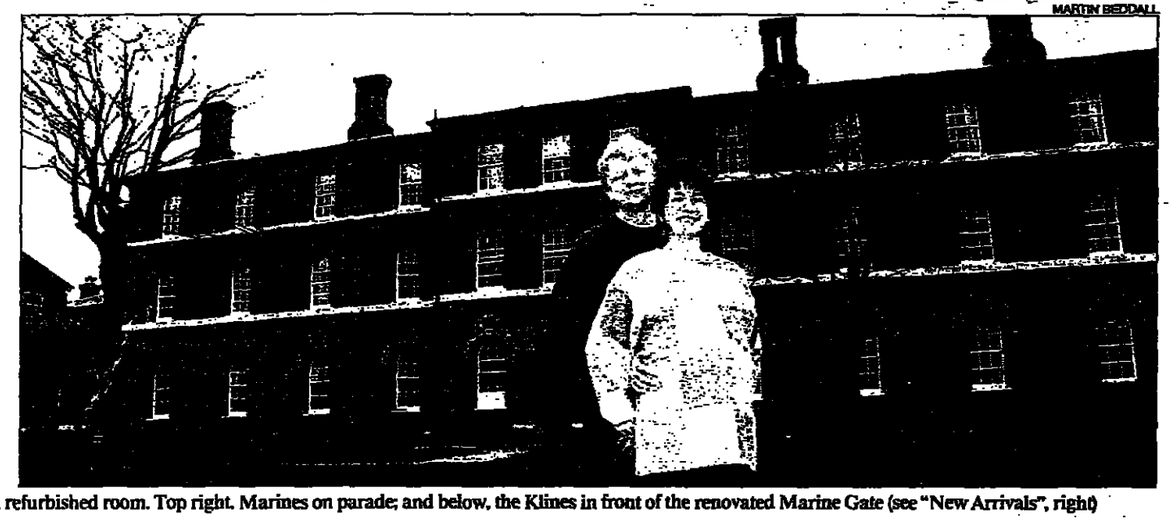




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Then and now: top left, Eastney Barracks in 1946, and, below, a refurbished room. Top right, Marines on parade; and below, the Klines in front of the renovated Marine Gate (see "New Arrivals", right)

If soldiers are citizens of death's grey land, as Sassoon so solemnly suggested, why do they live in such great buildings? Many of the biggest, the best located, and the most beautiful structures in British towns are the local barracks, unobtainable at any price.

Until now. The "peace dividend" that has come with the end of the Cold War is about to make itself felt in the property market.

The Ministry of Defence estate consists of 743 listed buildings and 111 ancient monuments. But since cuts to the Armed Forces announced in 1990 and 1993, 8,900 acres of land and more than 100 historic buildings have been earmarked for a huge sell-off expected to bring in £650 million over the next ten years.

Despite the appeal of such buildings, many have proved problematic for developers. Buildings were often isolated from civilisation, massive military structures sometimes seemed too difficult to convert to other uses, historic structures and landscapes were protected by official listings, and many had suffered from centuries of neglect. There was even the danger of contamination from gunpowder and other noxious tools of Armageddon.

Furthermore, the MoD was bound by Treasury rules to sell properties within three years of being declared redundant and for the highest possible price. The realisation that these stipulations were not only making the sale harder but ignoring the concerns of local communities, led last year to a Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) report to the House of Commons Defence Select Committee, recommending that a Surplus Defence Land Agency should be set up and Treasury rules be relaxed.

This, the RTPI said, would "allow for a more long-term strategic approach and for a range of uses which take into account not just financial but also social and economic considerations".

In the light of this, and pressure from Save Britain's Heritage (SAVE), the MoD has changed tack and is now, according to SAVE's secretary Emma Phillips, "showing a commitment to architectural conservation, rather than exploiting listed buildings for financial gain". The formation of a Defence Heritage Trust is also being discussed. The result should be that historic buildings are converted for civilian use, retaining their outward appearance, rather than being bulldozed to make way for more profitable modern constructions.

"Unfortunately, some destruction will be inevitable," an MoD spokesman told me. "The site of Woolwich Arsenal, for example, includes 20 listed buildings, but most are dilapidated, and many are severely contaminated with gunpowder."

Homebuyers will be most interested in the magnificent Victorian barracks that are becoming available. Peninsula Barracks in Winchester is in the process of conversion to 106 luxury flats as well as £350,000 town houses (inquiries to Hamptons: 0962 842030). At Marine Gate, in Southsea, 42 flats were snapped up at about £140,000 each (on the premises of the Eastney Barracks, built in 1868) before a show flat had even been prepared. This strip of Victorian mansion block ceased to house marines in 1972.

Similar projects are under way at Jellalabad Barracks in Taunton and at the Royal William Yard, Stonehouse, in Plymouth. Built to the design of Sir John Rennie between 1825 and 1833, on a 14-acre site on the Cremyll Peninsula, it contains no fewer than seven listed buildings and is being redeveloped by the Plymouth Urban Development Corporation with a £50 million endowment. According to SAVE, it promises to be the most exciting project yet.

NEW ARRIVALS

The Klines have been living at Marine Gate for six weeks and were among the very first to move in, *Giles Coren writes*. They are both dentists and Conor Kline, who grew up in Ireland, has a practice in Portsmouth. Paula Kline works with him, but is expecting their first child in the next few days and has been spending most of her time at home — a far cry from the inhabitants who once paced the corridors in anticipation of imminent departure to foreign battlefields.

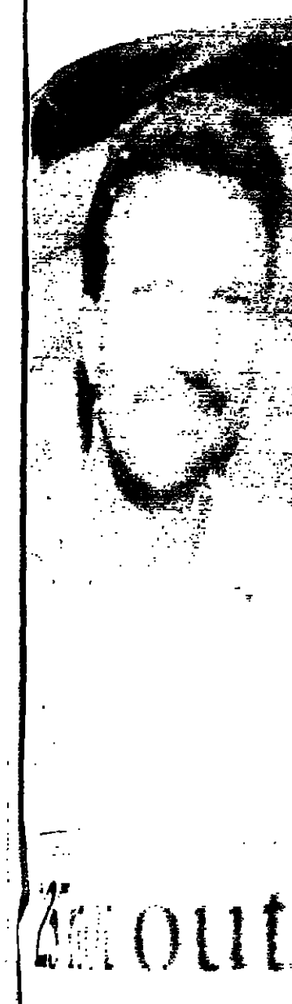
"As an Irishman," Mr Kline says, "I don't know how happy I would have been if you had told me I would end up living in an English barracks. But I appreciate the irony of it now.

"Some of the people living here seem to have military connections, or were Marines themselves years ago, but that side of it wasn't what attracted us. Irish history is so different from yours, we aren't military people so I wasn't used to seeing buildings like this when I was growing up outside Dublin. Now that I'm here, though, I plan to find out something about the place. I'm told the Marines have reserved the right to parade here once a year, which should be fun."

"We were just looking to move to a bigger flat," Mrs Kline says, "and a friend told us about this barracks which was being converted so we drove out to have a look. The converted part had been done in a very elegant Victorian style, and the feeling of space was amazing." So quickly did the Klines move that they picked up their three-bedroom, two-bathroom flat in the main dormitory building for £95,000, about 30 per cent cheaper than the flat would cost now, according to a local estate agent. "There are many advantages to living here," Mr Kline says. "Because it is a conversion you have all the advantages of a totally new home while at the same time the romance of a Victorian building. There are three good pubs at our back door, and plenty of shops, which you might not expect so close to a barracks.

"It is sometimes a bit spooky, but that is only because not many people have moved in yet and everything is so large. The fact that we are in a block built around a central yard should create a great community atmosphere. At the moment we still like to go out and just explore the place. There are sprawling lawns and the beach is only 400 yards away. There's a sea view from the flat, and you can hear the tide when you lie in bed at night."

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Why can't the BBC stop fighting ITV and give us back its risk-taking classic brand image of sophistication, intelligence and quality?

The way forward is to reverse



BRENDA MADDOX

It is always nice to feel not alone. Over the holiday weekend I learnt, first, that I am not the only woman driver to have discerned an increasing aggression among male motorists. The rash of mouthed obscenities from contorted male faces, it seems, is a recognised new phenomenon known as "road rage". The second comfort was to read how many others also found Christmas television a turn-off.

The tedium was not such a surprise from ITV, for the main commercial channel has been accustomed to go slack at Christmas in the knowledge that its advertisers consider consumers to be hibernating. But we have expected better from the BBC. BBC1 itself seemed to acknowledge this when it scheduled a replay of the *Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show* of 1971 to follow the cringe-making *Victoria Wood: Live In Your Own Home* as if to say: "Here's one we made earlier, when we still had the knack."

So what is the lost art? Andrew Davies had no difficulty defining it in the Royal Television Society's Huw Weldon lecture televised this week: the concentration of commissioning drama and comedy in too few hands. Six, in fact, according to his reckoning: the controllers of BBC1 and 2, and the head of drama at ITV Network Centre.

He accused Alan Yentob of BBC1, Michael Jackson of BBC2 and Vernon Lawrence of ITV of reusing tired formulas, searching for longer series and trying to "narcotise the viewing population" with shows based on worn-out formulas. "There is intelligent life out there," he promised. He dismissed ITV Network Centre as a "dreadful, embarrassing failure" — a failure obvious, he said, to everybody but the nobs at the BBC who are desperate to emulate ITV.

His suggested solution was to return the decision-making on which programmes to commission to those lower down the production chain — not the buyers of programmes but their creators: producers and writers who trust their own feelings and perceptions and want to try things that haven't been done before.

Mr Davies can well dare to speak his mind. One of Britain's leading screenwriters and adapters (*A Very Peculiar Practice, House of Cards, The Old Devils, Middlemarch* among others), he's damned near indispensable.

Another television writer, veteran supplier to both sides of the system and who'd better be nameless, scathingly confirms the Davies diagnosis. ITV Network Centre, according to him, practises "concept-testing": testing story ideas as if they were soap products. "You send researchers out to ask people, 'Would you be interested in seeing a story about King Arthur and his Round Table? Or just King Arthur alone?' " (This would fail at the start, he says, because people have never heard of King Arthur.)

He sees the BBC as just as bad, although he thinks that Mr Davies was unfair to blame Mr Yentob, whom he himself sees as "the human, or Jewish, face of Birtism". "They're running around like chickens," he says: "worried about fighting ITV."

The essence of the BBC's trouble, in his view, is that it has lost the nerve to trust individuals. "It's a terribly demoralised place there. There's no one capable of doing anything. There's no democracy. Everyone is an underling.

"In the old days, if a producer was on your side, he or she had the power to commission a programme and it would be made. Now everything has to be referred upward to someone else. And you, the writer, wait, and you wait."

The BBC might be well advised to show the same hesitancy in its international adventures. But the opposite is true. There, the BBC rushes expensive new services into markets where there is little sign of consumer demand or eventual revenue. Soon, BBC Worldwide will introduce two new satellite channels into Europe, and not long afterwards a variant of one of these, an international news channel, will also appear in America.

There is even talk of introducing some form of this international satellite news channel back into Britain, either for cable and satellite reception only, or perhaps also on BBC1 in the middle of the night.

Can this be true? Such a channel would be available to only a minority of British viewers. Its financing would require special scrutiny. Would its cost be covered by the subscriptions paid by cable and satellite users, abroad as well as at home? Or would some part of it be financed by the British licence-fee payer? This risky venture of introducing the BBC Worldwide product domestically could expose the supposed barrier between international and domestic operations for what many of us think it is: a Chinese wall with a revolving door.

What a topsy-turvy world. The BBC has lost its nerve at home, where it has two channels with access to 22 million homes, and guaranteed funding, and found it abroad, where there is no proven market. Could this be because what it is selling abroad is its old classic brand: sophistication, intelligence, quality?

The way forward is to reverse. The domestic BBC should return to its now despised role of "super-serving the ABC1s in southern England".

That condescending phrase suggests that because work embodying quality, sharpness, wit, intelligence, flair, new ideas of unproven popularity and short shelf-life tends to originate from London — such is the nature of capital cities in small countries — the interest in them is equally geographically concentrated.

That is untrue. Mr Davies is right. There is intelligent life out there: a nationwide audience for radio and television, which does not expect costume dramas on Himalayan peaks, yet expects the BBC to be risk-taking, the national leader not in "accessibility" but in presenting modern English well used. That is the BBC's classic brand image at home, and it is not produced by committees and "referral upwards".



Quizmaster David Coleman flanked by team captains Ian Botham, who is stumped by cricket questions, and Bill Beaumont, who smashes them round the studio

25 not out, quite remarkable!

A Question of Sport attracts nine million viewers a week.

Simon Barnes on the appeal of athletes with their clothes on

On Tuesday, *A Question of Sport* has its 400th programme. What happened next? Oh! Er . . . Eh? Ah! The blokes with the funny woollies came back and did *exactly the same thing all over again.*

Well done, Ian, that's absolutely right.

Yessss!

Now Bill, over to you. This year *A Question of Sport* moves into the 25th year of its existence. What happened next? Er . . . Does it go on for another 25 years with an absolutely unchanged format?

Why not, Bill? Absolutely right. *Quite remarkable. Why close a* show that's making money? I'll accept that answer and that keeps Bill's team level with Ian's as we go into the final picture round.

It seems that there is nothing to stop this television programme going on until the last trump. The only change has been in the personnel of the captains and the quizmaster, and in the ever-increasing importance of sport in the daily life of the nation.

Try offering a publisher a book on sport in general. Watch him panic. Oh no. It won't sell, it has to go on the right *shelf*, you know, cricket, or football. People aren't interested in sport *qua* sport, they are interested in their own sport.

Except that nine million people watch *A Question of Sport* every week. Other celebrity quiz shows come and go like the poor, *A Question of Sport* is always with us. Still in with a chance, Dave.

Why? The programme can match banality with banality against *Blankety-Blank* or any such vehicle for celebs. But *Blankety Blank* is long gone; the battle of the woollies never ends.

David Coleman, quizmaster since 1979, suggests: "People love to see people enjoying themselves. It's as simple as that. As for sporting enthusiasts, this is the only place on television where they can get a glimpse of their hero's real personality away from the increasing pressures of the arena."

Good answer, Dave, but not quite right. I can only give you a point for that, and I must also deduct half a point for the unfortunately woolly. You have omitted the point that on *A Question of Sport* you can see what athletes look like with their clothes on. This is not a frivolous observation.



First team: Cliff Morgan, David Vine, Henry Cooper

Many is the time I have failed to spot an athlete, whose every nuance of appearance in competition is familiar, when we have made an appointment to meet for an interview. Hair brushed, long trousers, and *A Question of Sport* woolly: this seems to bear no relation whatsoever to the figure storming in his pomp along the wing, hurdling the straight in her glory.

On *A Question of Sport* we see them, heroes or no, unsweaty, unmud-bespattered, faces unmarked by supreme effort. Suddenly the panting sportsmen are suave, the straining sportswomen gorgeous. Lucinda Green, at the height of her fame as a three-day eventer, was recognised in public only by the irredeemably horsey. But as a regular guest on *A Question of Sport* — she is still the record-holder, missing only two years since 1974 — she is recognised in Marks and Spencer.

The pleasure of seeing athletes with their clothes on is one of the programme's secrets, but there is another, and I think crucial aspect to the programme's success.

Watch celeb "competitors" on other quiz shows, and ask yourself what they are trying to do. The answer is simple: get onto the screen and pout. Maximise the exposure. Make a mark. The priority is the joke, the smile, the funny voice. The question is the means, the end is the pout.

Not so on *A Question of Sport*. The fact is that the competitors *compete*. They want to win. Winning is their job, their life. You can see their pleasure when they get a question right, the anguish when one slips away. It *matters*.

Of course, it is not of absolutely colossal importance — like, say, winning a football match — but the fact is that every competitor really wants to win, really wants the other side to lose. The long-running bantering rivalry that has existed between every pair of captains that ever played the game is not chance. It is the inevitable result of two men playing a silly, mildly diverting game that both very much want to win.

It is this aspect, that of actually caring about the result, that sets the programme apart from all other celeb shows. Most have famous people without the spice of competitiveness. They care all right on *University Challenge*, but students lack the spice of fame.

Only *A Question of Sport* does the double: famous people wanting to win. You can see it in every famous face. They can't help but give themselves away.

Clive James, writing on his own appearance on *University Challenge* some time back in the Pleistocene: "A man of the world, I struggled not to look too pleased as we swept to victory. The camera probably saw the struggle. Personality is the thing it catches. Everything else it lets go."

TEN THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT A QUESTION OF SPORT

- Eight million people watched the first programme, which was broadcast in 1970 from a disused Methodist Church in Dickenson Road on the edge of Manchester's Moss Side district. The last series had a total audience of 250 million.
- Every one of the regular captains over the years has received a title in the Honours List.
- The original captains were Henry Cooper OBE, and Cliff Morgan MBE, with David Vine as questionmaster. David Coleman OBE took over the chair in 1979.
- Other team captains have included: Freddie Trueman OBE (1976), Brendon Foster MBE (1977), Bobby Moore OBE (1970s), Gareth Edwards MBE (1979-81), Willie Carson OBE (1981-82), Emlyn Hughes OBE (1979-81 and 1984-88), Bill Beaumont OBE (1982-present), Ian Botham OBE (1988-present).
- Soccer heroes George Best and Tom Finney were guests on the programme. Legend has it that Best was late.
- In 1987, HRH The Princess Royal became the first member of the Royal Family to appear on a television quiz show when she was a guest on *A Question of Sport*.
- It is probably easier to get a ticket for the FA Cup Final than it is for a recording of *A Question of Sport*. There is a two-year waiting list for tickets.
- All the questions are rehearsed on the day of each recording with two teams of pub quiz experts. None of the contestants have any prior knowledge of the questions.
- Paul Gascoigne once appeared as the "mystery personality" dressed as Jerry Lee Lewis performing "Great Balls of Fire", and Jonathan Davies was filmed while attempting a bungee jump.
- The programme has a big following in Holland, where viewers can pick up BBC1. The rights of *A Question of Sport* have been sold to Germany and New Zealand.

Four Weddings and a TV hit

FOLLOWING on from the hugely successful *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, the scriptwriter Richard Curtis has had an immediate hit with a situation comedy, *writes Alexandra Frean.*

The critical and ratings success of his *Vicar of Dibley*, starring Dawn French as a priest, provides new hope for a genre which at times last year appeared to be flagging. Only four sitcoms feature in our chart of light entertainment programmes, all of them on BBC1 — and one is a repeat of a 1975 edition of *Dad's Army*, which had already been repeated in 1991.

BBC1's decision to stick with *The Brittas Empire*, starring Chris Barrie as a neurotic leisure-centre manager, and now in its fifth series, is starting to pay off. The first episode, broadcast in January 1991, was not particularly well received by the critics and was seen by 6.5 million viewers. But audiences have steadily built up in the past four years as the scriptwriters, Andrew Norris and Richard Fegen, have become more confident, making the behaviour of their characters increasingly surreal.

This is Your Life, based on an American radio show of the late 1940s and launched on British television in 1969, is still going strong, holding ninth position in our chart since its transfer from ITV to BBC1. At its peak in the late 1970s and early 1980s, it won audiences of between 19 and 20 million.

Thanks to its latest light-entertainment production, the National Lottery live draw, BBC1, with 11 chart entries as against ITV's nine, is just ahead of the competition.

ITV's Saturday evening viewing figures, however, are holding up pretty well against the lottery draw. Cilla Black's *Blind Date*, whose audiences ranged between 10.5 and 13 million before the lottery, was watched by 11.7 million viewers in the week ending December 18.

THE TIMES TV TOP 20: LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

December 12 to 18, 1994

	Programme	Date	Time	Chan	Producer	Genre	Aud (m) All Indiv
1	The National Lottery Live	Sat	19.51	BBC1	BBC	Special events	15.0
2	Gladiators (Final)	Sat	18.14	ITV	LWT	Game show	13.9
3	Beadle's Hot Shots	Sun	20.30	ITV	LWT	Family show	12.6
4	Blind Date	Sat	19.17	ITV	LWT	Family show	11.7
5	Strike It Lucky	Tues	20.29	ITV	Thames TV	Game show	11.2
6	Birds Of A Feather	Sun	20.30	BBC1	Alomo Prod	Sitcom	11.1
7	Noel's House Party	Sat	19.00	BBC1	BBC	Family show	11.1
8	The Brittas Empire	Mon	20.29	BBC1	BBC	Sitcom	10.8
9	This Is Your Life	Wed	19.00	BBC1	Thames TV	Family show	10.8
10	The Vicar of Dibley	Thurs	20.29	BBC1	Tiger Aspect	Sitcom	10.1
11	You've Been Framed Special	Sat	20.18	ITV	Granada	Family show	10.1
12	Catchphrase	Fri	19.01	ITV	Action Time	Game show	10.0
13	Wheel Of Fortune	Mon	20.01	ITV	Scottish TV	Game show	9.6
14	Schofield's Quest	Sun	18.43	ITV	Michael Hurll tv	Family show	9.2
15	Des O'Connor Tonight	Wed	20.01	ITV	Thames TV	Family show	8.8
16	Telly Addicts	Mon	19.00	BBC1	BBC	Game show	8.7
17	Generation Game	Sat	18.00	BBC1	BBC	Game show	8.5
18	A Question of Sport	Tues	20.00	BBC1	BBC	Game show	8.2
19	Dad's Army	Sat	17.28	BBC1	BBC	Sitcom	7.0
20	Harry Enfield And Chums	Fri	21.52	BBC1	Tiger Aspect	Comedy	7.0

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Holidays: what lies behind the big discounts?

Twenty per cent off a summer trip?

Alan Mitchell takes a hard look at the economics of the sunshine market

Most of us may have passed the Christmas break in a blur, but for one group of people it was the busiest time of the year. A third of all British holidays are sold during between Christmas and the end of January, and with price wars like the current one, on the ball reactions are critical.

This year Lunn Poly, Britain's biggest travel agency chain, jumped the gun by announcing 12 per cent across the board price cuts on the Tuesday before Christmas. That was quickly matched by Going Places and Thomas Cook, the number two and three travel agency chains respectively. In addition, they rushed out a 20 per cent off offer on some holidays. That, in turn, was matched exactly by Lunn Poly.

The tit-for-tat battle continues into the New Year. "We are expecting to change our offers and our tactics throughout January," says Going Places marketing director Kevin Welch. "Lunn Poly will always offer the best value on the high street," replies its marketing director Peter Povey.

But this is not any common-or-garden price war. Traditionally, holiday price wars are fought by tour operators. This time it is travel agents. Second, this isn't a matter of shifting unsold stock but a battle for power. While a tidal wave of advertising bombards consumers with price messages, the real weapon is more subtle, to be deployed quietly behind the scenes — commission.

Most tour operators pay travel agents a basic 10 per cent commission for selling their holidays. By offering 12 per cent off all holidays Lunn Poly is effectively passing all of this commission to the consumer. It can afford to. Because it sells one in four holidays it can earn extra money from the "volume over rides" it negotiates with most operators. Only one regularly refuses. As a matter of policy, the market leader Thomson Holidays never offers more than 10 per cent commission. Luckily for Lunn Poly, it is owned by Thomson.

"Thomson are trying to squeeze us by ratcheting the discount higher," says Mr Welch, of Going Places. "What they do in transfer pricing between the two of them [Thomson Holidays and Lunn Poly] is a matter for them," he comments, but now "Lunn Poly have pushed things to such a level that we are almost forced to discount Thomson holidays at uneconomic levels."

Going Places, which is owned by Airtours, Thomson's main tour-operating rival, is retaliating by discriminating against Thomson Holidays in its 615 outlets. While it matches Lunn Poly's 12 per cent cut on most holidays, the reduction on Thomson holidays is closer to 6 per cent. "Thomson are very unhappy about it," Mr Welch admits. "But all we are doing is trying to equalise the net margin we make."

Question: is this sort of tit for tat marketing good for consumers? No, says Chris Robinson, group marketing manager at First Choice, Britain's third biggest tour operator. Consumers may benefit in the short term, but many smaller independent travel agents are being starved out, and as today's price wars concentrate power in the hands of two or three groups the logical outcome will be higher prices and a reduction of choice.

Worse, the price wars may be more apparent than real. Most holidays are sold after the Christmas break, so heavy discounting then generates good publicity without costing too much in margin. Already the 20 per cent discount offers have been revised down to 15 per cent. Worse, whether it's 15 per cent or 20 per cent, the offer that's been advertised so widely applies only to holidays from one small company: Inspirations and Styles.

The warring travel agents chose to promote Inspirations because it is neutral but has enough holidays available to be credible, says Inspirations chief executive Vic Satah. "It would be too inflammatory for one of them to use their own companies for a special offer. We are the beneficiaries of the competitive conflict between Thomson's and Airtours, because neither wants an all-out price war but they do want a discount message that is sexy to the public."

By offering Inspirations at an extra discount all the travel agents attract footfall and can sell the rest of their holidays at a lower level of discount than they would otherwise, Mr Satah suggests. And what they lose in commission on holidays they gain from commission on insurance, foreign exchange and from interest on cash from early bookings, he adds. "It is the semblance of a price war".

Nevertheless, Mr Welch points out, behind the smokescreen a significant power shift is taking place. "What we are seeing is the sort of thing that went on in groceries 20 years ago," he says. Then, emerging multiples like Sainsbury and Tesco used low prices to boost their market share. Now, companies like Going Places, which undertook an expensive rebranding exercise a year ago, are doing the same.

The industry is rapidly becoming retailer, as opposed to tour-operator driven. Mr Robinson agrees. Indeed, already some of the travel agency chains are beginning to offer "own label" holidays alongside tour-operator brands, notes First Choice chief executive Francis Baron. That, he suggests, may be the trend to watch.



Lunn Poly and Going Places battle it out with Christmas price cuts galore



'What they lose on holidays they gain on insurance, exchange and interest'

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NEWS

Budget control for legal aid

■ The Lord Chancellor will next week unveil proposals for a legal aid system controlled by a regional network of NHS-style fundholders, working within budgets that strictly limit how much money they can hand out.

The proposals by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, described as a major restructuring of the £1.4 billion legal aid scheme, spell the end of a demand-led approach and the dominant role of lawyers in settling publicly-funded disputes .....Page 1

Russians retreat from central Grozny

■ Battered Russian troops retreated from central Grozny leaving hundreds of bodies and destroyed tanks in the ruined streets around the Presidential Palace. On the fourth day of street fighting, the Chechens consolidated their position after halting the assault and even counter-attacked .....Pages 1, 8

West case review

An urgent review of the case against Rosemary West is to be held by prosecution and defence lawyers after her husband's suicide in jail ..... Pages 1, 3

Jail risk

Prison governors were warned three months ago that men under 25 serving sentences for burglary and robbery were key figures in recent disturbances ..... Page 1

Plane sabotage query

Five skydivers escaped unhurt after baling out of a light aircraft which police believe may have been sabotaged by a firebomb wedged in the engine ..... Page 1

NHS bosses' pay rise

NHS trust chief executives were awarded 6.6 per cent rises at a time when salaries for public sector workers were pegged at 1.5 per cent .....Page 2

Hammer murder

A British woman has been bludgeoned to death with a hammer in an oilworkers' compound in Nigeria. Anne Wetherill, 37, a mother of three, died in the early hours of New Year's Eve ..Page 3

School search

Parents of more than 140 children are trying desperately to find schools for their children before the new term starts, after a 75-year-old independent school closed suddenly over the Christmas holiday .....Page 3

Animal protest

Port authorities at Shoreham in West Sussex called for more police protection as animal rights activitists gathered in force to prevent a further shipment of livestock to the Continent .....Page 5

Retiring Tories

The present Parliament passed its halfway point only three months ago but an unexpectedly large number of Tories have said that they will stand down .....Page 6

India buys jewels

After more than 20 years of argument, the Indian Government has decided to buy the fabled jewels of the Nizam of Hyderabad, one of the world's most fabulous collections ..... Page 9

Talks stutter

The Middle East peace process stumbled alarmingly as talks between Israel and the Palestinians reopened with bitter recriminations over the killings of three Palestinian policemen ..... Page 9

Noon showdown

At noon today a clerk will bring the new 104th Congress to order, Newt Gingrich will be sworn in as House Speaker, and the much-heralded Republican revolution will commence .....Page 10

Bangladesh strike

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, arrived in Bangladesh as the country's fledgling democracy was fighting for life .....Page 11

The executive stress of losing

■ Executives sent on adventure training courses to improve their motivation and hone their leadership skills benefit only if they are on the winning team. Those who fail to meet the physical challenge may return to the office worse off. About 40 companies in Britain provide Adventure-Based Experiential Learning for their employees ..... Page 7

MARTIN KEENE



The Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry pose for photographers above the Swiss ski resort of Klosters yesterday. Page 2

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Saatchi: Maurice Saatchi confirmed that he has decided not to accept Saatchi & Saatchi's offer of a new job and that he will be leaving the company. He told employees that control of the company had been taken by a group of minority shareholders ..... Page 21

Economy: The first economic statistics for December show a slowing of Britain's rapid growth in manufacturing output and a rise in the money supply ..... Page 21

Houses: Prices rose 1.8 per cent in December. But the Nationwide price index gives homeowners little to celebrate ..... Page 21

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 0.2 to 3065.7. Sterling rose from 79.7 to 79.8 after a fall to $1.5625 but a rise to DM2.4286 ..... Page 24

SPORT

Cricket: Darren Gough was England's hero again as he snapped up six Australia wickets and presented his team with control of the third Test in Sydney. At the end of the third day England were 90-1, 283 ahead ..... Pages 37, 40

Motor racing: The Williams Formula One team have recruited David Coulthard, leaving a question mark over the future of Nigel Mansell ..... Page 36

Rugby union: A stand-off half who played representative rugby for England is striving to play against them, for Ireland ..... Page 36

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Screen centenary: Cinema celebrates its centenary this year. But will the medium grow up as an artform while Hollywood excludes nearly everything except simple story-telling? ..... Page 31

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Tippett celebrated: A Wigmore Hall recital on Monday evening marked the 90th birthday of Sir Michael Tippett, Britain's greatest living composer ..... Page 31

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Libby Purves: "The producer of a Radio 4 programme has described fear of crime as a neurosis of the age, as sex was for the Victorians. But in our case the neurosis is stoked up deliberately" ..... Page 12

Capital idea: Magnus Linklater submits to the Millennium Commission his own scheme ... Page 12

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Barrack homes: Since the Armed Forces cuts announcements, more than 100 of its historic buildings are to be sold ..... Page 18

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A question of success: "Other quiz shows come and go: *A Question of Sport* is always with us." Simon Barnes ..... Page 19

Brenda Maddox: The BBC should stop fighting ITV and revert to the way it used to be: sophisticated, intelligent and original ..... Page 19

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Preview: Lena Headey plays a young British nanny in Capri who is accused of attempted murder and witchcraft. *Devil's Advocate* (BBC1, 9.30pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss tries not to panic in face of a documentary about a virus that could destroy humanity ....Page 39

OPINION

Casualty of Grozny

Weakness and hesitancy are fatal in a country that respects only strength and charisma; Mr Yeltsin has shown both. It is too late now for him to embark on another policy or to snatch a diplomatic victory from the street battles ..... Page 15

Franc *fort* folly

Nowhere has the preoccupation with monetary union been more pervasive than in France, a once dynamic economy that has been transformed into Europe's biggest unemployment blackspot .. Page 15

Legion of honour

The Royal British Legion has timed its relaunch today with admirable foresight: 74 years after its foundation, the charity is wisely preempting argument that it will soon become obsolete ..... Page 15

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ROY HATTERSLEY

The argument against "escape routes" out of comprehensive schools is overwhelming. Our education system should not be a process from which the fortunate minority needs to escape. That concept confirms that children left behind are condemned to endure second-rate ..... Page 14

ROBERT RHODES JAMES

The Austrian Government has told the Secretary-General that it expects Waldheim to be invited to the celebrations of the UN's 50th anniversary ..... Page 14

ALAN COREN

I wonder whether you know that this is the 400th anniversary of the day on which Shakespeare wrote the line: "And thus the native hue of resolution is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought" ..... Page 14

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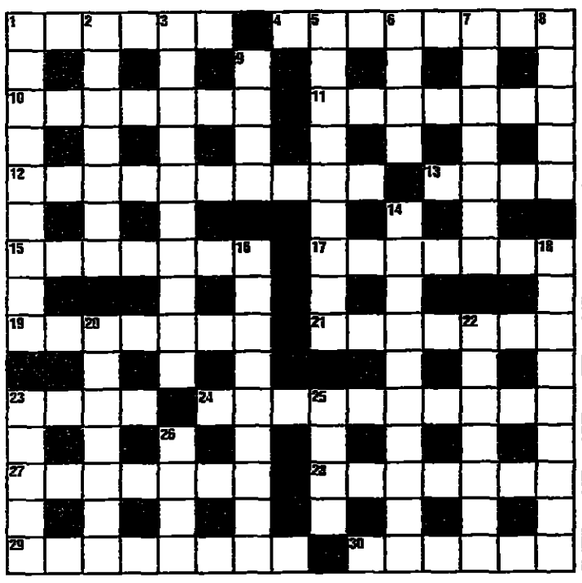
■ **FILM REVIEW**
A former nun and a pornographer meet in Hal Hartley's film, *Amateur*

■ **MASTERS' VOICES**
Anne McElvoy tracks Soviet manipulation of gullible western intellectuals

There's enough firepower on American streets today without a new generation of killer bullets designed to inflict even more carnage — *The Los Angeles Times*

The "pro-life" movement seems to grow more pro-death with each new gun-blast. Murder is not justice. It is just murder — foul and hellish. And those who champion it are no better — *USA Today*

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ACROSS

1 Dicky in business . . . (6)
4 . . . with Bill, strange to tell (8)
10 Little money invested in second dwelling, an untidy spot . . . (7)
11 . . . a dwelling in readiness (7)
12 Shrink from adopting footballer's hairstyle (10)
13 Group in need of a drink, by the sound of it (4)
15 James has to dig a hole for shrub (7)
17 Old chap in front was a runner (7)
19 Dressing, forsooth, with collar back to front (7)
21 The game's rigged, bent completely (7)
23 Piano accompaniment to song, a duet (4)
24 The dragon's resolved to be stubborn (10)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,742

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L F E H O I E U
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27 Claim of journalists concealed (7)
28 Live like a nun (7)
29 Man put in to improve project (8)
30 Ringway to terminate in port (6)

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2 Removes the impurities from contaminated trifles (7)
3 Russian naval officer, a flier (3,7)
5 Raffles a joker? (9)
6 Found out it's partly open (4)
7 When bird visits islands up in the Arctic, it can be dangerous (7)
8 From the very first time, everyone says that you're cantankerous (5)
9 Prominent person turns up here — to get a divorce? (4)
14 After operation, one is unable to stop laughing (2,8)
16 Seven eels stewed to provide refreshments (9)
18 Happy being darkened? Not really (9)
20 Moonies can become offensive (7)
22 A doctor attending eastern president upset by tiny organisms (7)
23 Birdseed — just what you wanted! (5)
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 7C (45F); lowest day max: Shap, Cumbria, 1C (30F); highest rainfall: Scarborough, North Yorkshire, 0.50in. Highest sunshine: Weymouth, Dorset, and Sandown, Isle of Wight, 7.7hr.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 8.06 am — Sun sets: 4.05 pm

Moon sets 8.28 pm — Moon rises 9.29 am

First quarter January 8

London 4.05 pm to 8.06 am
Bristol 4.15 pm to 8.15 am
Edinburgh 3.53 pm to 8.42 am
Manchester 4.03 pm to 7.24 am
Penzance 4.33 pm to 7.21 am

FORECAST

☐ **General:** much of southeast England will remain dry and cold, with any overnight freezing fog lifting slowly during the day. Western and northern parts will be cloudier with some rain or drizzle at times.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a milder day to start with. Rain and drizzle later in the day will be interspersed with spells of bright sunshine.

☐ **London, SE, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** dry and bright in most areas with strong periods of sunshine. Wind moderate to fresh southeast to southerly. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Central S, SW, NW England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy in most parts with rain or drizzle at times. Winds fresh or strong southerly. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** rain and bright spells. Winds fresh or strong southerly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **N Ireland:** rain or drizzle with dry spells. Wind moderate southwesterly. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Outlook:** it will be very unsettled with rain or showers in most parts. Temperatures near normal but with some overnight frost, especially in the east.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.1	0.12	2	36	c	Littlehmpn	7.2	-	3	37	s
Anglesey	1.1	0.16	5	41	c	Liverpool	6.6	-	3	37	s
Aspatria	5.6	-	2	35	s	London	6.9	-	3	37	s
Avemore	-	-	1	34	c	Lowestoft	1.9	0.19	3	37	c
Birmingham	7.1	-	2	36	s	Manchester	7.0	-	3	37	c
Bognor R	7.6	-	2	36	s	Margate	X	0.02	4	39	s
Bournem'th	6.2	0.01	4	39	s	Minehead	4.7	0.04	5	41	s
Bristol	7.4	-	5	41	s	Morecambe	6.2	-	2	36	s
Buxton	6.8	-	0	32	s	Newcastle	5.0	-	3	37	s
Cardiff	7.4	-	3	37	s	Newquay	-	0.04	6	43	c
Clacton	6.1	-	2	36	s	Norwich	0.5	0.04	3	37	sh
Colwyn Bay	1.5	-	5	41	b	Nottingham	6.7	-	2	36	s
Cromer	2.4	0.17	6	43	h	Oxford	6.6	-	2	36	s
Doncaster	6.6	-	3	37	s	Penzance	0.1	0.07	7	45	c
Edinburgh	3.9	-	3	37	b	Plymouth	0.2	-	5	41	c
Eskdalemuir	5.7	-	1	34	s	Poole	7.6	-	3	37	s
Exmouth	4.9	0.03	4	39	s	Ross-o-wye	7.0	-	4	39	s
Falmouth	x	0.09	6	43	c	Scarboro'	2.2	0.50	4	39	sn
Folkestone	6.2	0.01	2	36	s	Scilly Isles	-	0.06	7	45	s
Glasgow	6.1	-	3	37	s	Shanklin	7.0	0.04	3	37	s
Guernsey	4.8	-	8	43	s	Shrewsbury	6.6	-	2	36	s
Hastings	7.2	-	3	37	c	Skegness	5.4	-	2	36	s
Hayling I	7.4	-	2	37	s	Southend	3.8	0.02	2	36	b
Hove	3.3	-	3	37	s	Stornoway	-	0.02	3	37	c
Hunstanton	4.2	-	3	37	sn	Teignmouth	4.1	-	5	41	s
Isle of Man	4.8	-	4	39	s	Tenby	-	0.09	5	41	c
Jersey	6.2	0.05	5	41	s	Torquay	4.0	-	7	45	s
Leeds	6.6	-	3	37	s	Tynemouth	3.1	-	3	37	c
Lerwick	0.2	-	2	36	c	Weymouth	7.7	0.04	4	39	s
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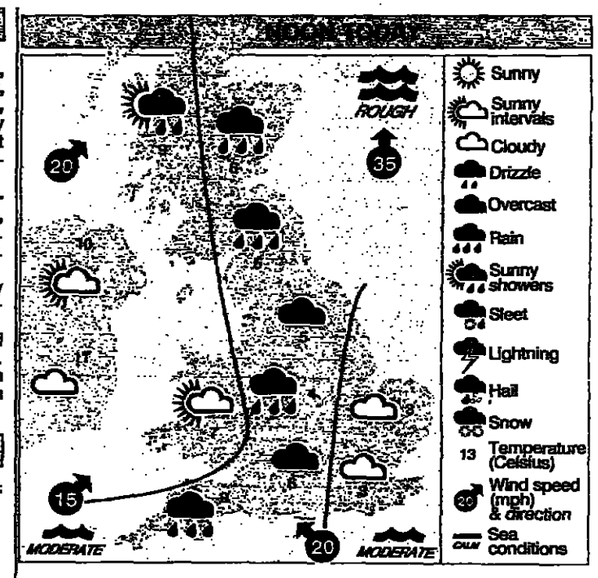
ABROAD

Ajaccio	6	43	f	Corfu	13	55	f	Majorca	11	52	s
Alicante	17	63	s	Dublin	5	41	r	Malaga	12	54	s
Alex'dria	20	68	f	Dubrovnik	9	48	s	Malta	9	48	f
Algiers	12	54	f	Faro	13	55	s	Melb'rne	24	75	s
Amst'dm	2	36	c	Florence	3	37	f	Mexico C	14	57	f
Athens	12	54	r	Frankfurt	1	34	sn	Miami	27	81	s
Bahrain	19	66	s	Funchal	19	66	f	Milan	8	46	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Geneva	1	34	s	Montreal	-3	27	f
Barbados	25	77	c	Gibraltar	14	57	f	Moscow	-2	28	c
Barcelona	8	46	s	Helsinki	-7	19	s	Munich	-3	27	sn
Beirut	18	64	s	Hong K	17	63	r	Nairobi	25	77	c
Belgrade	3	37	s	Innsbruck	-3	27	sn	Naples	5	41	r
Berlin	0	32	s	Istanbul	6	43	f	N Delhi	18	64	s
Bermuda	23	73	s	Jeddah	28	82	f	N York	3	37	c
Biarritz	4	39	s	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Nice	11	52	c
Borde'x	5	41	s	Karachi	23	73	s	Oslo	-5	23	s
Brussels	2	36	c	L Palmas	20	68	c	Paris	4	39	c
Budapst	3	37	s	La Toquet	2	36	f	Peking	2	36	s
Cairo	20	68	s	Lisbon	7	45	s	Perth	34	93	s
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Locarno	7	45	s	Prague	-1	30	sn
Chicago	-7	19	s	L Angels	14	57	s	Reykjavik	2	36	r
Ch'church	14	57	s	Luxmbg	-1	30	c	Rhodes	17	63	f
Cologne	1	34	sn	Luxor	28	72	s	Rio de J	28	82	f
C'phagn	0	32	c	Madrid	4	39	s	Riyadh	19	66	s

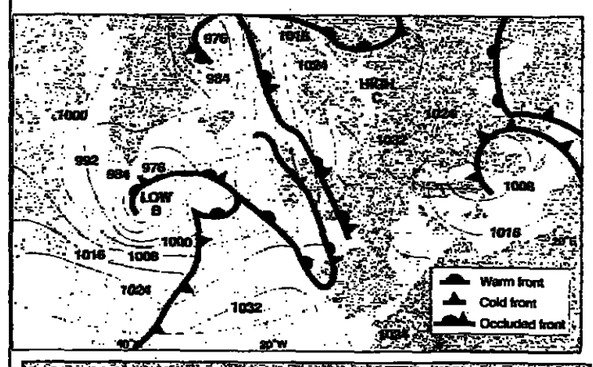
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Sing'por	31	88	f								
St'kholm	-8	18	s								
Strasb'rg	0	32	c								
Sydney	21	70	c								
Tangier	15	59	f								
Tel Aviv	18	64	s								
Tenerife	20	68	c								
Tokyo	7	45	c								
Toronto	-3	27	sn								
Tunis	10	50	c								
Valencia	13	55	s								
Vanc'ver	-1	30	s								
Venice	6	43	s								
Vienna	1	34	c								
Warsaw	-1	30	f								
Wash'ton	2	36	s								
Wel'ngton	14	57	c								
Zurich	-2	28	f								

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: High C will continue to drift eastwards; Low B will move northeast and start to fill



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3:19	7.38	3:48	7.54	Leith	4:19	5.73	4:35	5.79
Aberdeen	3:07	4.44	3:10	4.58	Liverpool	0:46	9.64	1:04	9.87
Avonmouth	9:04	13.95	9:27	13.52	Lowestoft	11:34	2.46	11:22	2.66
Belfast	0:43	3.48	0:58	3.74	Margate	1:35	4.92	2:06	4.89
Cardiff	9:01	12.60	9:20	12.25	Milford Haven	8:00	7.40	8:23	7.02
Devonport	7:42	5.76	8:09	5.42	Newquay	6:48	7.07	7.12	6.71
Dover	0:27	6.83	0:51	6.69	Oban	7:26	4.23	7:37	3.84
Dublin	1:16	4.21	1:25	4.48	Penzance	6:26	5.76	6:48	5.39
Falmouth	7:11	5.37	7:34	4.90	Portland	8:30	2.31	8:54	2.00
Glasgow	2:17	4.73	2:42	4.95	Portsmouth	1:00	4.97	1:13	4.90
Harwich	1:21	4.06	1:48	4.16	Shoreham	0:55	6.56	1:13	6.45
Holyhead			0:07	5.99	Southampton	0:19	4.70	0:33	4.73
Hull	8:08	7.52	8:12	7.98	Swansea	8:15	9.90	8:35	9.51
Ilfracombe	7:50	9.86	8:11	9.49	Tees	5:30	5.51	5:39	5.63
King's Lynn	7:54	6.78	8:11	7.10	Wilton-on-Ntss	1:17	4.28	1:47	4.36

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4 1995

Bitter founder walks out condemning backdoor control

Saatchi anger at 'takeover'

By Melvyn Marckus, City Editor

MAURICE SAATCHI, the Conservative Party's favourite advertising guru, cut his ties with Saatchi & Saatchi, the agency he founded, amid a blaze of controversy yesterday.

Working late into Monday night, close colleagues of Mr Saatchi, ensconced in his former office on the top floor of the company's London headquarters in Charlotte Street, started to fax to UK and overseas staff, the former chairman's letter "to everyone at Saatchi". Further copies were distributed yesterday morning, with Mr Saatchi masterminding his communications from his country home.

Mr Saatchi's two-page letter refers to his "sadness" at having to "sever connections" with the company after 25 years but it also represents a savage indictment of the manner in which he was ousted as chairman last month during an eight-hour board meeting. In Mr Saatchi's words: "Saatchi & Saatchi has been taken over. No bid for the company has been announced. ... but, make no mistake, Saatchi & Saatchi is under new control." Those remarks are directed at David Herro, a fund manager at Harris Associates of Chicago. Harris controls just under 10 per cent of Saatchi & Saatchi's equity but, before the board meeting, claimed to speak for more than 40 per cent of shareholders in his quest to remove Mr Saatchi from the board. Mr Herro originally focused his attack on Mr Saatchi's share incentive scheme, which could have yielded a £5 million profit over three years, but subsequently insisted that Mr Saatchi should resign from the parent company.

In his valedictory letter, Mr Saatchi states: "The new owners ... have found a simple, if crude, method of controlling the company. By threatening the directors with an EGM — at which they could outvote others — they have given the directors their orders: 'Take your chairman into a corner and shoot him quickly — we don't want the fuss of a public trial."

Anxiety over the possibility of client defections saw Saatchi & Saatchi's share price fall 3p to 146p in nervous trading in London yesterday.

Directors of Saatchi & Saatchi, led by Charles Scott, chief executive, offered Mr Saatchi the chairmanship of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising Worldwide and a 50 per cent salary increase to £300,000. A spokesman for Saatchi & Saatchi yesterday disputed widespread reports of the proposed salary increase. Hopes that Mr Saatchi would stay were reflected in the recent edition of Saatchi & Saatchi's "in-house" magazine Saatch Eye. The banner headline was: "Don't go Mo".

As *The Times* reported yesterday, Mr Saatchi's rejection of the terms was relayed to Graham Hosell, the company secretary, by way of a succinct two-line memo. The memo read: "Please inform Mr Herro that I do not accept his offer. It was kind of him to consider me for the position."

A memo to staff from directors said: "The next few weeks will be unsettling for all of us, with unprecedented speculation ... we have a choice: to concentrate on this issue, or, to concentrate on our work and our clients."

Mr Saatchi refuses to comment on his plans, saying only: "I'm taking one step at a time." It is believed that he is more likely to join another international agency than form a boutique.

TO EVERYONE AT SAATCHI

The full text of the open letter sent from Maurice Saatchi to his staff in which he spells out his anger at being ousted from the company that he founded in 1970:

For twenty-five years I have had the privilege of working with you to create and build Saatchi & Saatchi.

Throughout those years, your loyalty to the Company in both good and hard times made me feel uniquely blessed.

The letters so many of you have sent me during the past week, urging me to stay as chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising, have been inspiring. I will always treasure them.

So it is with sadness that I must tell you I cannot accept the offer of that position, and instead must sever my connections with the Company we have built together.

You deserve to know the reasons:

Saatchi & Saatchi has been taken over. No bid for the Company has been announced. No offer has been made. No premium has been paid. No shareholder vote has been taken. But, make no mistake, Saatchi & Saatchi is under new control.

The new "owners" — a group of shareholders owning around 30 per cent of the shares — have found a simple, if crude, method of controlling the Company. By threatening the Directors with an Extraordinary General Meeting — at which they could outvote others — they have given the Directors their orders: "Take your Chairman into a corner and shoot him quickly — we don't want the fuss of a public trial.".

I have watched in dismay as some of our longest client relationships have been jeopardized, the wishes of key clients ignored, and the loss of their business assessed as "a price worth paying".

I have listened in despair as the views of leading executives of this Company were dismissed as "irritating" and "irrelevant". And, for the first time in 25 years, found myself in an advertising company where the term "advertising man" was being used as an insult.

I have observed how, after seeing the value of their shares rise by 17 per cent since the Spring against a 2 per cent fall for the FT-SE Index, this shareholder group nevertheless went ahead and plunged the Company into a period of uncertainty and instability.

A period in which the Directors now face a lawsuit from other shareholders for breach of fiduciary duty, and in which all shareholders lost in just five days half the share price gain we have painstakingly won since the Spring.

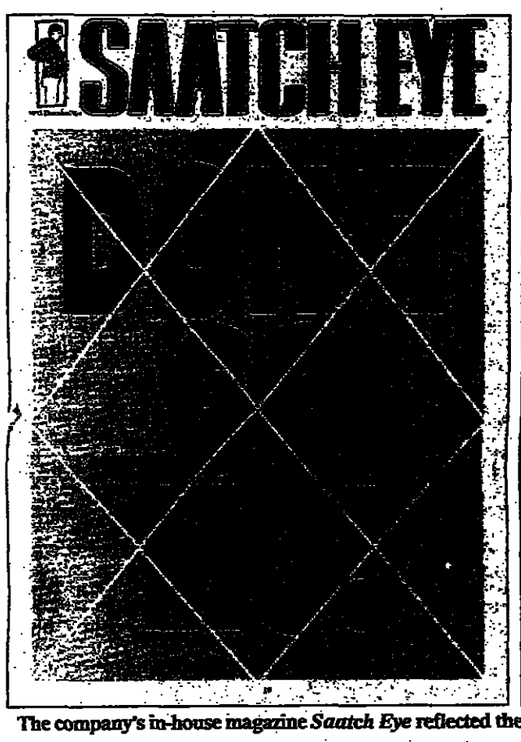
How could I help to strengthen our relationships with our clients when, in the perverse logic of our new "owners", loyal client relationships are not understood to be the Company's great asset?

How could I reassure you of your critical importance to the Company, when the views of so many of the most respected among you have been ruthlessly brushed aside?

This enforced parting grieves me deeply.

Yet I look forward to 1995 with great anticipation. Because, as we have always believed at Saatchi & Saatchi ... Nothing is Impossible.

With every good wish,
MAURICE SAATCHI,
3rd January, 1995.





The company's in-house magazine *Saatch Eye* reflected the view of staff who wanted Maurice Saatchi to stay at the company he founded in 1970

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3065.7	(+0.2)
Yield	4.20%	
FT-SE A All share	1521.08	(-0.36)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	3828.38	(-6.06)*
S&P Composite	457.52	(-1.75)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5¹⁵⁄₁₆%*	(4¾)
Long Bond	95²⁄₃₂*	(95¹⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.937%*	(7.89%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⁹⁄₁₆%	(6⁹⁄₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	100¹⁄₃₂	(100²⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5640*	(1.5665)
London:		
$	1.5637	(1.5665)
DM	2.4305	(2.4257)
FFr	8.3800	(8.3550)
SFr	2.0517	(2.0492)
Yen	157.22	(155.85)
£ Index	79.8	(79.7)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5545*	(1.5495)
FFr	5.3578*	(5.3370)
SFr	1.3122*	(1.3090)
Yen	100.50*	(99.75)
$ Index	63.3	(63.1)

Tokyo close Yen Closed

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar) $16.30 ($16.50)

GOLD

London close $380.25 ($382.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Cellnet hope

Cellnet, the mobile phone network owned by British Telecom and Securicor, yesterday predicted it would displace Vodafone as the market leader in 1995. Cellnet reported it had gained a record 281,000 new customers in the last three months of 1994. **Pages 23 and 25**

Intensive care

The palatial private Health Care International hospital at Clydebank, which plunged into receivership on November 9, seems likely to be taken over by the Abu Dhabi Investment Company. **Page 22**

Surge in output growth checked

By Patricia Tehan and Ross Tieman

THE first economic statistics for December show a slowing of Britain's rapid growth in manufacturing output and a rise in the UK money supply last month lower than City expectations. The money supply, however, is still growing at a rate above Bank of England and Treasury targets.

M0, the narrow measure of the money supply comprising mainly notes and coins in circulation, grew by a seasonally adjusted 0.6 per cent in December, taking the annual rate of increase up to 6.6 per cent, down from 7 per cent in November.

City analysts had been forecasting monthly growth of 0.7 per cent, after a 0.2 per cent rise in November. That would have given an annual rise of 6.9 per cent. M0 is monitored by the Bank and the Treasury as an indication of future inflation. Although the annual growth rate is moving in the right direction, it is still above the Treasury's monitoring range of between 0 and 4 per cent.

Although signalling output growth for the 25th consecutive month, the Purchasing Managers Index showed its fifth successive slowdown in the pace of expansion. At the same time, the survey by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply found strong evidence of inflationary pressures. Half of all purchasing managers reported rising prices of industrial inputs. Delivery times for supplies are also lengthening, the institute said.

US judge delivers blow to BA

A US district judge has rejected a claim filed by British Airways to dismiss the monopoly aspects of a lawsuit brought by Virgin Atlantic Airways (George Sivell writes).

The judge, Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum, however, granted a BA motion to dismiss five other claims in the Virgin complaint, including the BA investment in USAir. But according to court papers the judge will consider Virgin claims that BA "has attempted to monopolise transatlantic airline passenger services" and that it has "used it monopoly over Heathrow and Gatwick to obtain an unfair competitive advantage".

The judge also allowed the Virgin claim to be heard that BA pursued a "campaign of underhand tactics" designed to put Virgin out of business.

Nationwide finds house prices static

By Anne Ashworth, Personal Finance Editor

HOUSE prices were up by 1.8 per cent in December, according to the Nationwide Building Society. But the society's monthly house price index gives homeowners little cause for celebration.

In 1994, taken as a whole, house prices stood still. The Halifax's price index which will be published tomorrow will show much the same picture.

Brian Davis, the Nationwide's chief executive, said: "December's recorded rise in house prices is largely a correction of a similar fall in November. The overall market remains flat, with house prices rising by 0.3 per cent over 1994."

The leading housing price indices occasionally produce a surprising upward or downward blip, unrelated to the results of preceding or following months. David Parry, head of planning at Nationwide, the executive responsible for the house price index, explained that a sustained trend can be discerned only from the figures of four or five consecutive months.

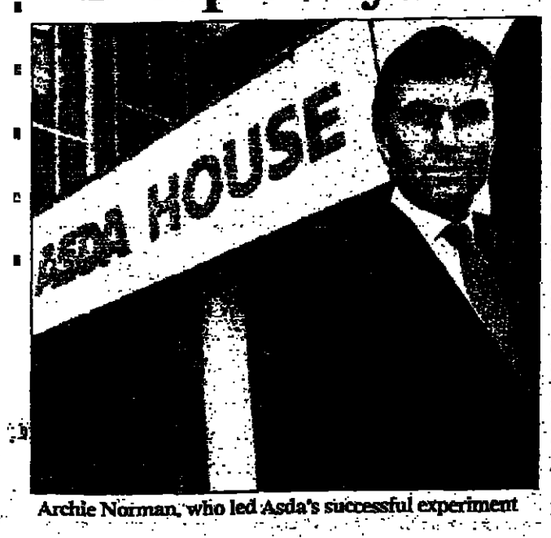
Commenting on the property market in 1994, Mr Davis reported that turnover had slipped since the first half of 1994, with confidence being undermined by interest rate rises and by Budget measures limiting the income support for mortgage borrowers.

The Nationwide predicts that if the economy continues to recover, prices will improve modestly in the year ahead.

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Shop till you drop — around the clock

By Susan Gilchrist



Archie Norman, who led Asda's successful experiment

24-HOUR shopping is set to become an established feature on the high street after Asda's successful trial of round-the-clock trading during Christmas.

Asda, Britain's fourth-largest supermarket chain, opened its store in Clapham, south London, for 24 hours on December 22 and 23, taking advantage of a recent change in the law.

Yesterday a spokesman for the group said large numbers of customers had come through the doors. The store attracted 2,000 extra customers between 10pm and 8am on December 22 and more than 3,000 on December 23.

"We were pleasantly surprised," the spokesman said. "On the Friday night (December 23) it was like a Saturday afternoon. There is definitely a demand there." Asda is likely to reintroduce 24-hour trading next Christmas, although a firm decision has yet to be made. When the experiment was announced, Archie Norman, chief executive, said that if it was successful it could be extended to other stores.

Spar, the country's largest convenience store chain, has instituted 24-hour trading in 50 of its 2,200 outlets and expects the number to increase. The Spar stores are open round the clock throughout the year and not just in the weeks before Christmas.

Tesco is also likely to experiment with 24-hour shopping. David Malpas, managing director, said: "I have little doubt it is something we will try out although we have no firm plans to do so yet." The group is also considering extended trading hours in some of its Metro city centre stores. "20-hour rather than 24-hour trading may be more likely," Mr Malpas said.

He believes the trend will spread through the high street. "On the whole I think it is something that will become current throughout the year, but only in a few cherry-picked locations."

J Sainsbury is also examining 24-hour shopping at some of its city centre stores in the Christmas trading period.

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Lenders put mortgage rate increases on hold

BY ROBERT MILLER

MILLIONS of homeowners should escape a further increase in their monthly mortgage bills even if, as expected, interest rates rise in the next few weeks.

Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, has signalled that interest rates may have to rise further to keep inflation under control. In the short-term, however, that will not affect the many borrowers on annual plans.

Most building societies have already set their 1995 monthly payments for their customers with annual plans, except, notably, the Halifax, Britain's largest mortgage lender with 1.8 million borrowers. The society has one million borrowers on annual mortgage payment plans who already face a small increase from last September's interest rate rise. Now they must wait until the end of February before learning the new rate they will be paying from April.

The parlous state of the housing market means that lenders in general are extremely reluctant to make any move on mortgage rates that will further damage confidence.

Apart from a few societies, such as Birmingham Midshires and Northern Rock, most have held their hand following December's 0.5 per cent increase in the Bank of England's base rate to 6.25 per cent. New funds in recent months have been healthy and there is very little activity in the housing market. Gary Marsh, head of corporate affairs at the Halifax, says: "There is no reason that we can see for raising interest rates any further. But if they do rise, say by another 0.5 per cent, that would be a full percentage point taking into account last month's increase. Even then the real pressure to put up our own rates would come from savers." Savers traditionally outnumber borrowers by a ratio of five to one.

Dennis Brockwell, a divisional director of Nationwide Building Society, says: "We will not increase our rates unless we are forced to. Inflows are relatively good and the mortgage market is subdued, so there is no pressure on funding. Nor is there much competition from National Savings or unit and investment trusts. The last thing we want to do is to put off would-be house buyers. But if one of our major competitors in the top ten were to put up their mortgage or savers rates, we would follow suit."

The recently improved inflows of funds into building societies could be under threat as the end of the tax year looms in April. The lure of the multi-million pound advertising campaigns by unit and investment trust groups to attract investors into the tax-free haven of a personal equity plan might well make in-roads into building society funds. In the first three months of last year, for example, building societies reported net outflows of more than £1 billion.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

West German growth slows

WEST GERMAN industrial production fell 0.1 per cent in November, the Economics Ministry said yesterday, suggesting that economic recovery may have slackened in the fourth quarter. Year-on-year growth was 5.5 per cent. Industrial production figures for October were downgraded by the ministry to show a 1 per cent rise from September and 4.6 per cent growth year on year.

Leading German forecasters remain optimistic, with the Munich-based IFO research institute predicting sustained growth for the rest of the decade. The institute forecast growth in West German gross domestic product of 2.5 per cent in 1995, rising to a peak of around 3.5 per cent in 1996. IFO also said it expected the Bundesbank, Germany's independent central bank, to make further modest cuts in interest rates early this year. The Bundesbank's central council is not expected to change interest rates when it meets tomorrow for the first time this year.

Hong Kong shares dive

THE Hang Seng index, Hong Kong share market's key indicator of blue chips, yesterday plunged 346.90 points, or 4.2 per cent, closing at 7,844.14. Brokers attributed the tumble largely to the threat by the United States to impose trade sanctions against China. On Saturday, America issued a list of US$2.8 billion of Chinese imports that could be subject to punitive tariffs unless China cracks down on piracy of American computer software, films and music. The American trade sanctions would harm Hong Kong, which is a major port for Chinese exports.

True bidder revealed

A TURKISH-CYPRIOT businessman with a casino in Moscow has stepped forward as the real power behind a plan to buy the entire northern Cyprus assets of the collapsed Polly Peck International. Elmas Guzelyurglu said that his company, Elmasler, was in talks with the PPI administrators concerning the local asset portfolio, despite a bomb attack on New Year's Eve on his bank, Everest Bankasi. Chris Barlow, of Coopers & Lybrand, the administrator, confirmed that talks were taking place.

Reshuffle at Penna

SWEEPING boardroom changes at Penna, the outplacement consultancy, saw the emergence of Sir Andrew Hugh Smith as non-executive chairman and the departure of John Beard, the chief executive. Peter Needham was appointed chief executive and David Banks, finance director. Two new non-executive directors were also appointed. Changes have been expected at Penna since December, when a group led by Mr Banks emerged with nearly a 24 per cent interest. The shares rose 1p to 108p.

Trust buys trusts

ABERDEEN Trust is to acquire Unit Trust Management and Prosperity Investment Management, subsidiaries of Century Life, for about £4.1 million. PUTM manages 10 unit trusts, with total assets of about £150 million. PIM provides investment management services to private clients and PEP investors and has funds under management of £10 million. Aberdeen Trust said that it would have more than £2.65 billion of funds under management after the deal. The acquisition would enhance earnings, it added.

Eurobond sales fall 8%

THE Eurobond market fell 8 per cent last year when issues worth $455 billion were made, compared with $496 billion in 1993, according to *Euromoney Bondware*, the industry publication. The Eurodollar was the main currency used, by a wide margin, accounting for 40 per cent of new issues from 38 per cent in 1993, although by value the figure fell to $185 billion from $193 billion in 1993. Use of the Euroyen increased because Japanese investors became cautious about using foreign currencies after heavy 1993 losses.

Hodder buys NZ firm

HODDER Headline, the publishing company, is acquiring New Zealand's Moa Beckett Publishers for a maximum consideration of NZ$8.5 million (£3.5 million), including initial payment of NZ$4.5 million and profit-related payments later this year. Moa Beckett will be merged with Hodder's interests in New Zealand under Hodder Moa Beckett Publishers, with annual sales of NZ$20 million. Moa Beckett was previously owned by its directors, who will join the board. Tempus, page 24.

Kellogg sells Askeys

ASKEYS, the UK's largest maker of ice cream wafers and cones, has been sold to a management buy-in team, it was announced yesterday. Kellogg Company of Great Britain, the cereals manufacturer, has sold the business to a team led by Alan Jones and Brian Howes, both formerly with the Pauls Food Group. The buyers, capitalised at £10 million, were backed by the investment capital group 3i and financed by the Bank of Scotland. Askeys employs about 150 people at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

MPs will investigate industrial financing

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government's internal inquiry into the financing of British industry is to be scrutinised by a Commons select committee as part of a programme that will spotlight a wide range of the Government's industrial policies.

The Treasury is carrying out a lengthy inquiry into financing of industry in Britain by the City and other sources.

The inquiry, established by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and called the Industrial Finance Initiative, is identifying a need to focus policies on small and medium firms with potential to grow, the necessity of greater competition in the provision of finance for small businesses, and the importance of making capital markets more efficient.

But while ministers have made few public pronouncements about the inquiry's work, MPs on the Commons' all-party Trade and Industry Select Committee plan to call Treasury ministers to give evidence on its progress.

Committee members will argue that the inquiry formed a key part of the Government's competitiveness White Paper put forward in the summer by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, and they want to use it to raise issues such as the short-term approach to the financing of industry by the City.

They will also use the opportunity to press ministers on what they plan to do on the overall issue of Britain's industrial competitiveness in the wake of the White Paper, which has disappointed many business leaders because of what they see as its limited practical impact.

Both the finance for industry initiative and the drive for competitiveness, which was launched by the Prime Minister, are only parts of a range of inquiries the committee is to mount into a range of policies towards business.

The committee is also likely to examine the Government's defence purchasing policy, which will feature prominently in the forthcoming report from the inquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair chaired by Lord Justice Scott.

MPs say the reduction in Britain's defence spending in the face of marked shifts in the global balance of power is leading to wide restructuring in areas of Britain's industry, especially in defence.

They believe that whole areas of industry are now being centrally affected by changes in government defence spending, and broadly agree with defence industry leaders such as Lord Weinstock, chief executive of GEC, that the impact of government spending means a free market does not exist in the defence business.

MPs on the committee are expected to mount an inquiry into competition policy, taking the opportunity of the declared resignation of Sir Bryan Carsberg as head of the Office of Fair Trading to look at how regulation affects UK firms.

Officials from the OFT and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission are likely to give evidence, with MPs keen to examine how companies seen by ministers as world-class, such as British Gas, can balance global operations with domestic UK responsibilities.

But the first difficulty for the Government from the committee will come when Mr Heseltine is called before MPs on the future of the Post Office after the Government's abandonment of its plans to privatise it. Mr Heseltine will be closely questioned when he appears before the committee on January 25.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.12	1.95
Austria Sch	18.08	16.58
Belgium Fr	53.01	48.71
Canada $	2.285	2.125
Cyprus Cypf	0.784	0.729
Denmark Kr	10.15	9.35
Finland Mrk	8.07	7.57
France Fr	8.87	8.17
Germany Dm	2.58	2.37
Greece Dr	397.00	372.00
Hong Kong $	12.72	11.72
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2645.00	2490.00
Japan Yen	170.50	154.50
Malta	0.819	0.584
Netherlds Gld	2.871	2.641
Norway Kr	11.20	10.40
Portugal Esc	260.50	242.00
S Africa Rd		5.30
Spain Pta	213.50	199.50
Sweden Kr	12.32	11.52
Switzerland Fr	2.18	2.00
Turkey Lira	refer	59056 D
USA $	1.659	1.529

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Kenneth Clarke meeting Anwar Ibrahim for talks in Kuala Lumpur yesterday

Abu Dhabi bids for failed HCI hospital

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

THE palatial private Health Care International hospital at Clydebank, which plunged into receivership on November 9, seems likely to be taken over by the Abu Dhabi Investment Company.

Arthur Andersen, the receiver, said yesterday that it had signed an agreement in principle with a consortium led by the Abu Dhabi Investment Company to acquire the HCI Clydebank business.

No value for a potential deal was disclosed. The Abu Dhabi company said it intended to develop the hospital as a centre of medical excellence. Arthur Andersen said the agreement was subject to contract and covers price and other critical business factors.

The hospital cost an estimated £180 million to build, soaked up £30 million of British taxpayers' money, and employed 435 staff. Shortly before its collapse, the hospital was criticised for having only a handful of patients and for having overestimated likely demand.

Murdoch McKillop, a partner at Arthur Andersen, said: "This is a major step forward in securing the future of the facilities at Clydebank. But we have some way to go before the transaction will be complete. There are still a number of complex issues outstanding but hopefully they can be resolved during January. Meanwhile, the hospital and hotel will continue to trade as normal."

The HCI hospital on Clydebank has 260 beds and a 150-room hotel on a 47-acre site.

Malaysia considers reforms

MALAYSIA has promised to consider Britain's call to speed liberalisation in the financial sector, including approving more branches for British banks in Kuala Lumpur.

Clifford Herbert, Finance Ministry Secretary-General, said liberalisation could occur within ten years or earlier, when local financial companies were prepared for international competition.

Mr Herbert, speaking after a meeting between Anwar Ibrahim, Finance Minister, and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that Britain felt such liberalisation would make the sector more competitive and attract more foreign investment.

British predators snap up more firms outside UK

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

THE value of acquisitions by British companies outside the UK rose sharply last year to levels last seen in 1990.

The number of UK acquisitions in continental Europe rose to 211 from 196 in the previous 12 months, with their total worth jumping to £6.01 billion from £3.96 billion, according to a survey by *Acquisitions Monthly*, the magazine. In 1992 there were only 190 deals, while in 1991 the value of bids fell to just £1.63 billion.

UK predators also struck a rich seam in America, acquiring 130 companies for a combined value of $14.56 billion, compared with 107 deals worth $13.8 billion in 1993. Six of the top ten UK acquisitions last year were in America.

Overseas companies also spent heavily in the UK. The number of continental deals rose to 112 from 106, with the aggregate consideration spent on UK businesses rising sharply to £3.6 billion from £2.4 billion. American companies spent £4.8 billion in the UK, completing 103 deals, compared with £2.5 billion in 82 deals in the previous year.

The most significant acquisitions by British companies in continental Europe were the £1.5 billion purchase by Commercial Union of Groupe Victoire, the £894 million sale of Moët Hennessey to Guinness, and Allied-Lyons' £739 million purchase of Pedro Domecq. The most notable takeover of a British company by continental interests was BMW's acquisition of Rover Group for about £800 million.

SmithKline Beecham headed the pack in America with the £1.9 billion acquisition of Sterling Winthrop, followed by Reckitt & Colman's £982 million purchase of L & F Household. Seven of the 10 largest purchases by foreign companies in Britain originated in America, led by Pfizer's £924 million acquisition of SmithKline's animal health interests.

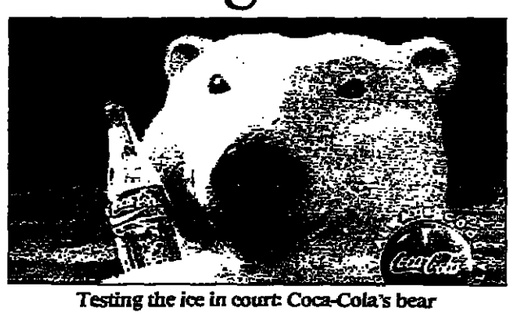
Polar bears fight over a drink

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

TWO cuddly polar bears are ready to fight it out before a federal court later this month in a battle that pits Coca-Cola against a small Massachusetts soft drinks company.

The problem started when Coca-Cola objected to a new television ad by its minor competitor which showed a cuddly polar bear — just like the ones in the Coke spots — throwing away a tin of Coke in favour of a can of its soda water.

The difficulty for the world's soft drink leader is that the smaller company is called Polar Corporation, and it has had a polar bear as its symbol almost since its foundation in 1882.



Testing the ice in court: Coca-Cola's bear

Announcing a legal challenge, Coke spokesman Bob Bertini said: "In most cases, we ignore these feeble attempts at imitation because consumers know there is only one Coca-Cola. In our view, however, Polar Corporation has crossed the line," he growled.

Christopher Crowley, a Polar spokesman whose family has owned the firm since 1916, said that it would never abandon Orson, its bear, as its mascot.

Already angry Polar supporters, dressed as bears, have demonstrated in front of the local town hall in Worcester, Massachusetts, calling for a boycott of Coca-Cola and pouring cans of it into the gutter.

Polar, which employs 260 people, had gross revenues of about $75 million last year. Coca-Cola had gross revenues of almost $14 billion.

DTI rejects pit approach

THE Department of Trade and Industry has rejected a bid to acquire the mothballed Frances colliery in Scotland. Mining (Scotland) the consortium that has acquired the rest of British Coal's Scottish mining assets, said it had planned a feasibility study to consider bringing the pit back into production. The mothballed colliery costs £1.7 million a year to maintain. However, it has huge reserves, and sealing the shaft would cost an estimated £30 million. The DTI was unable to say last night why the approach for Frances Colliery had been rejected.

Campbell Christie, general secretary of the Scottish Trades Union Congress and a director of Mining (Scotland), said: "Let's have a major study to see if Frances can be developed at reasonable cost."

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In the matter of Petra Computers Limited and in the matter of the Insolvency Act 1986
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at the offices of KPMG, 20 Farringdon Street, LONDON EC4A 4PP, on 12 January 1996 at 10.00am for the purpose of receiving the report of the Administrative Receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at 20 Farringdon Street, London, EC4A 4PP by 12 noon on 11 January 1996 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Date 22 December 1994
AB Thompson
Joint Administrative Receiver.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 007292 of 1994 CHANCERY DIVISION COMPANIES COURT Mr Registrar Buckley
IN THE MATTER OF MDB LIMITED and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 21st December 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £16,000,000 to £1,000,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 21st December 1994.
Dated the 4th day of January 1995.
BAKER & McKENZIE
Solicitors
100 New Bridge Street
London EC4V 6JA
Tel. 0171 919 1000
Ref: PWS.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No 006990 of 1994 CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF COMPEL PLC and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 14th day of December 1994 confirming (1) the cancellation of the capital redemption reserve of the above named company and (2) the reduction of the share premium account of the above named Company from £817,130.00 to £3,217.95 in accordance with the above-mentioned Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 15th December 1994.
Dated this 30th day of December 1994.
Laytons
Carmelite
50, Victoria Embankment
LONDON EC4Y 0LS.
Solicitors for the Company

UNICONFIS LIMITED (IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) COMPANY NUMBER 1672761
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the creditors of the above-named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before Friday the 3 February 1995, to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Roger Smith of KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP the liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time or place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated: 20 December 1994
Roger Smith - Liquidator.

MINET AFRICA HOLDINGS LIMITED (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION) COMPANY NUMBER 1170990
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the Liquidator of the above company intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith, KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 3 February 1995 which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned.
Note: the company is able to pay all its known creditors in full
Dated, 21 December 1994.
R Smith - Liquidator.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS SUTTON RILEY ENGINEERING LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION
SRE DISTRIBUTION LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION
SRE CONTROLS LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION
ESTWIC PRODUCTS LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION
LUPUS ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION
LUPUS LIGHTING LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION
On 23 December 1994 the companies were placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. Roger Marsh and Gordon Christopher Hargield of Price Waterhouse, 9 Bond Court, Leeds have been appointed joint liquidators. Creditors of the companies are requested to send details in writing of their claims against individual companies to the joint liquidators at the above address. Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors are requested to complete a form issued by the joint liquidators. The liquidators reserve their right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Roger Marsh
Joint Liquidator.
29 December 1994

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
Endersby Developments Limited Registered number: 1587568 Nature of business: Property Company Trade classification: 45 Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 22 December 1994 Names of administrative receivers: Raymond Hocking and Malcolm Cohen Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos) 2522/01 and 6825/01
Address:
BDO Stoy Hayward
8 Baker Street
London W1M 1DA

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No 006989 of 1994 CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF COMPEL GROUP PLC and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 14th December 1994 confirming the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company from £3,126,846.48 to £1,838,546.48 in accordance with the above-mentioned Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 15th December 1994.
Dated this 30th day of December 1994
Laytons
Carmelite
50 Victoria Embankment
LONDON EC4Y 0LS.
Solicitors for the Company

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☐ Taking a tough telephone line ☐ Saatchi signs off with a flourish ☐ Romania cuts rates

BT's phoney war

☐ ON the strength of its recent public outpourings, British Telecom wants the world to think it has become an alternative national lottery. Hardly a month goes by without Michael Hepher, the managing director, announcing he is flinging out £10 million here or £50 million there to those lucky consumers with their fingers on the dial.

The latest recipients in BT's frenzied price-cutting are all those with aunties or business partners in the US. From next month, it will cost 20 per cent less to discuss the weather or the price of pork bellies with your nearest and furthest in Slippery Rock, Arkansas.

But BT is not indulging in a wild binge of generosity. Instead, it has transformed regulatory necessity into a devastating marketing weapon that it is using to protect its dominant share of the UK telephony market against the weight of technological development and free market engineering.

Oftel insists that BT should reduce prices by inflation minus 7.5 per cent each year but allows BT to decide where to make the cuts. This allows BT to mount commando raids on its competitors' price structures and maintain the initiative in the market. At present, all Mercury can do when BT announces a price cut is swallow hard and promise to match it. This has already stalled Mercury's market share growth and prompted it to retrench its entire business and pull back from the domestic market.

After winning such a notable scalp in 1994, BT has started 1995 in an even more combative mood. The sharp cut in its North American rates is a defence against the new competition the company may soon face from AT&T, the world's largest telephone company, which won a licence to operate in Britain at the end of last year.

If the experience of the airlines is anything to go by, BT's North American call traffic must be the busiest and most profitable part of its international business and an obvious target for AT&T. By cutting rates, BT has launched a pre-emptive strike against AT&T and any others that fancied sharing the cream. Likewise, BT has narrowed the gap between peak and cheap rate charges to just 4 per cent as a ploy to the business market that would be the easiest for any new competitor to pick off.

BT's increase in its line rental charges is also intended as one in the eye for the opposition. In the past, Mercury and others have prospered from piggy-backing on BT's network by offering cheaper calls through BT's local lines, which are cross-subsidised by call charges. As line rental rises and call charges fall, it becomes more difficult for Mercury and others to undercut BT.

BT's competitors of the future will be the cable television companies, which are installing their own networks, and the mobile phone companies. Judging by the drubbing that BT's present-day competition is receiving, they had better show as much new year resolution as BT.



As might be expected of someone who lives in a world where people dream up phrases such as "Labour isn't Working", Mr Saatchi does not mince his words. His essential message would appear to be that shareholder democracy isn't working, at least not as far as Saatchi & Saatchi is concerned. According to him, the agency has been "taken over" although no bid has been announced, no offer made and no shareholder vote taken.

It is the absence of a shareholder vote that is intriguing. The background to Mr Saatchi's exit from the parent company's board has been well chronicled. Mr Herro, of Harris Associates, controls just under 10 per cent of Saatchi & Saatchi's equity but claimed to speak for more than 30 per cent of the votes. The precise scale of support for Mr Herro was always difficult to assess, having been put, by various parties, at more than 40 per cent going on 50 per cent. M&G, with 5 per cent, was known to support Mr Herro's stand.

But it was left to Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, to discover that General Electric of America's pension fund, a sizeable shareholder, had experienced a last-minute change of heart — witness the telephone discussion during Saatchi & Saatchi's eight-hour board meeting.

Alastair Ross Goobey, the investment chief of Postel, intervened before the meeting to stress that Postel was opposed to Mr Herro's call for Mr Saatchi's resignation. More to the point, Mr Ross Goobey (who opposed M&G's share option scheme) pointed out that as long as any incentive scheme for Mr Saatchi met the National Association of Pension Funds' guidelines, Postel would support the proposal should Mr Herro call an EGM.

So why not opt for an EGM at which 70 per cent, 60 per cent, or just 50 per cent of shareholders, not associated with Mr Herro, could have had their say?

Maurice's long goodbye

☐ MAURICE Saatchi's letter to "everyone at Saatchi" fully reflects the founder's perspective that chief executive Charles Scott, along with his boardroom colleagues, have effectively handed over control of Saatchi & Saatchi, via the backdoor, to David Herro, a Chicago-based fund manager.

Where growth really matters

☐ WORRIED about rising interest rates? Perhaps Romania is the place for you. The good new year news from Bucharest is that Romania's central bank cut its equivalent of base rate by a generous 25 percentage points yesterday. The bad news is that banks running overdrafts with it will still have to pay interest at 105 per cent a year. The savings bank has just cut term deposit rates from 70 to 45 per cent.

Such figures show officials trying to cope with an economy that was well on the way to hyper-inflationary collapse. They are beginning to gain control. Inflation has come down from 300 per cent in 1993 to under 70 per cent in 1994 — better than the IMF target — and a hoped-for 30 per cent by the end of this year. Inflation has served its usual purpose of hiding from people how badly the economy was doing.

In Romania, bad means desperately bad. Its economy was a victim of the late Ceausescus' totalitarian fantasies. Since their fall, even that crumbled on the hard road to reform. The way back is painfully slow. After 1 per cent growth in 1993, the first since the revolution, the World Bank reckons the average Romanian had a living standard equivalent to $2,900 a year, half that in Russia and only one sixth of a Briton's.

In 1994, output crept back up another 2 per cent, not that people noticed. This year, the central bank hopes to double that again, thanks to farm exports. At last, the people might even begin to find economic reform marginally acceptable. Freedom is no picnic East of the Carpathians.

Empty basket

☐ SOME currencies are born to greatness, some have greatness snatched away from them. Before Denmark and Britain insisted on opt-outs from a single European currency and the old exchange-rate mechanism collapsed, the Ecu was second only to the dollar for eurobond issues. In 1994 it fell to thirteenth place. The currency of tomorrow, or perhaps 1999, is in danger of becoming a basket case.

Cellnet ready to unseat Vodafone as mobile leader

BY ERIC REGULY

CELLNET, the mobile phone network owned by British Telecom and Securicor, yesterday predicted it would displace Vodafone as the market leader in 1995.

The forecast came after Cellnet reported it had gained a record 281,000 new customers in the last three months of 1994, an increase of 217 per cent over the same period in 1993. Cellnet now has 1.56 million subscribers compared with Vodafone's 1.64 million.

Vodafone, where newly knighted Sir Gerry Whent is chief executive, gained only 186,000 new customers in the three-month period. The figure partly reflects an unusually high "churn" rate — the number of customers who leave the network. In a typical year, about 20 per cent of customers drop out. Vodafone recently has been experiencing churn rates of over 30 per cent.

Vodafone spokesman Terry Barwick said the company was the victim of sub-dealers — independent agents who work on commission to sign up new users, who invented thousands of customers. The subscribers were recorded as new subscribers and then were dropped when Vodafone determined from unpaid bills that they did not exist.

The army of counterfeit customers helps to explain the huge difference between the 313,500 gross connections in the quarter and the 186,000 net connections. Vodafone has made tackling fraud a priority and expects the churn rate to start coming down.

Howard Ford, Cellnet's managing director, said he expected Cellnet to overtake Vodafone by March "unless they react and start some sort of price war." Vodafone denied that it is contemplating a price war, though analysts said it may resort to one. "I think Vodafone is in this to win," said analyst Jim Russ of Hoare Govett.

Mr Barwick said Vodafone is more likely to use a strategy based on marketing instead of price to fight Cellnet. It could, for example, offer dealers higher commissions to sign up subscribers and may launch new services. Analysts said Vodafone may lose the subscriber war but is in no immediate danger of slipping behind Cellnet in terms of turnover.

Vodafone has the highest turnover per customer because it concentrates on the business market, whereas Cellnet has concentrated on lower-margin residential users. Cellnet's strong subscriber numbers are good news for Securicor, which reports its annual results next week. Typically it generates more than half its income from its 40 per cent Cellnet stake. Analysts estimate that Securicor will report a pre-tax profit of about £80 million for the year to September 30. It is likely that Cellnet will account for £50 million.

Separately, Orange, the mobile phone network launched last April by Hutchison Whampoa of Hong Kong and British Aerospace, disclosed that it now has 100,000 subscribers.

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Sir Gerry Whent, chief executive of Vodafone, which is stepping up its fight against sub-dealer fraud

BAA pegs Heathrow rents at 1993 levels

BY CARL MORTISHED

BAA is offering airlines at Heathrow a rent freeze as part of a package of measures aimed at placating tenants concerned about the high cost of office space and support facilities in the crowded terminal buildings at the airport.

The airports group is expected to relaunch its property services later this month with an announcement that rents will be frozen at April 1993 values until the end of March 1996. BAA has also agreed to band properties to avoid wide discrepancies between the cost of similar space in different terminals.

The decision follows lengthy discussions between Heathrow Airports Limited (HAL), a BAA offshoot, and the airline operators, who have lobbied hard for stability in rents at Heathrow. Hard-pressed airlines have previously complained about rent increases of 15 per cent or more at a time when the cost of office space was plummeting across London. In 1993 a document circulated by airline operators alleged that rents at Heathrow were double those outside the airport.

Denis Taylor, head of property at British Airways, welcomed the move on rents by HAL: "It is a major shift from the previous policy. There was effectively a monopoly supplier. They have responded effectively and agreed to enter into discussions about how to increase the space available."

Airlines complained that HAL took advantage of the huge influx of carriers to Heathrow from Gatwick following relaxation of the traffic distribution rules. At one point rents peaked at nearly £60 per sq ft.

Under the new policy, it is expected that rent reviews that fall due prior to the end of March 1996 will use April 1993 as the benchmark for determining the market rate.

BAA has been increasing the amount of space at Heathrow with a huge building programme in a bid to reduce congestion. The airports group, which in November announced half-year profits of £265 million, expects to spend £1.4 billion over the next three years, including preparatory work on the proposed Terminal 5 at Heathrow.

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Payout for victims of junk-bond firm crash

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN NEW YORK

AN AMERICAN court has approved a final settlement in a four-year legal wrangle centred on First Executive, the junk-bond specialist company that crashed in spectacular fashion in 1991. The firm was headed by Fred Carr and purchased junk bonds through Michael Milken at Drexel Burnham Lambert.

A Los Angeles judge ordered the $36 million settlement between policyholders of First Executive and its former officers, directors and auditors. The policyholders had accused Mr Carr, Mr Milken and others of fraud in relation to the collapse of Executive Life, the company's life insurance unit.

According to reports, Deloitte and Touche, criticised by regulatory officials for issuing "clean" opinions on Executive Life's finances, is responsible for about $22 million of the settlement. A California insurance commissioner was quoted as saying that the claims against Mr Milken were to be settled separately, and that policyholders could expect at least $150 million from those claims over a five-year period.

Another settlement reached with Drexel Burnham Lambert is expected to yield some $60 million.

Between 1983 and 1987, Mr Milken is said to have made $1.1 billion in salary. In 1990 he confessed to fraud and insider-trading and was fined $200 million and sentenced to jail for ten years. He was recently reported to be in bad health.

Zeneca sells garden business to Miracle

BY SARAH BAGNALL

ZENECA, the pharmaceutical and agrochemicals group, has pulled out of the amateur gardener market with the sale of its garden and professional products businesses for £37 million in cash.

Zeneca Garden Care and Zeneca Professional Products, which operate principally in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, have been sold to Miracle Garden Care, a company formed especially for the purchase.

The businesses supply garden chemicals and fertilisers, including brands such as Weedol, Pathclear, Grasshopper and Miracle Gro, to amateur gardeners and a specialised range for the professional market. Sales in 1993 were £34 million. Alan Pink, chief executive of Zeneca Agrochemicals, said: "It is a good and well established business, but it is no longer core to our main activities in the international agricultural market on which we need to concentrate fully."

The business was the only part of the group's agrochemicals operation that supplied the retail market. Zeneca Agrochemicals turnover was £1.2 billion in 1993.

The businesses' 191 employees are being transferred to the Miracle Garden Care on existing terms and conditions. John Wilson, general manager, Zeneca garden and professional and Zeneca crop protection, is to become chief executive of the new company. Miracle's main shareholders are Advent International and Charterhouse Development Capital, venture capital providers, and Stern's Nurseries, owners of the Miracle Gro brand of garden products. Zeneca shares rose 1p to 880p.

☐ Glaxo announced the resignation of Hiroshi Konishi, executive director responsible for Japan, to allow him to "devote all of his efforts to the management of Nippon Glaxo and the development of the Japanese market for Glaxo's products." Mr Konishi remains president of Nippon Glaxo, which he and his family jointly own with Glaxo. The company has changed its name from Glaxo Holdings to Glaxo plc.

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US toymaker feels chill in Britain

TOYS 'R' Us, the American out-of-town toy chain that has grown rapidly in the UK, has suffered its first setback in this country (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The group admitted that like-for-like sales in the UK fell in the 11 months to December 26. Canada and Germany were also down. However, overall group sales rose 10.6 per cent to $8.25 billion from $7.468 billion over the same period. Underlying sales in the US, its largest market, rose 3 per cent.

In the UK, the chain has faced increasing competition from high street retailers opening on Sundays. Michael Goldstein, chief executive, said market share was up and the chain would report significantly higher earnings compared with last time.

Copper speculators hurt gold market

BY COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of making money by speculating in copper was a feature of metal markets last year, which worked against investment in gold in 1994, says the latest update of the gold market by Gold Fields Mineral Services.

Selling of gold by the private sector was further compounded by a series of US interest rate increases.

The private sector became increasingly doubtful that gold would breach the $400 an ounce level in 1994, "and US investment funds and other institutional holders, which had built up significant positions in 1993, thus gradually exited from the gold market", the survey says.

However, sales of gold by the official sector fell to only 46 tonnes last year — less than a tenth of the levels seen in each of the previous two years.

The authors are "encouraged" by the initial readings of net official sales, observing that "this represents a tremendous change from the exceptionally high level of disposals in 1992 and 1993".

However, GFMS suggests that net sales of 46 tonnes should be viewed with some caution because of the uncertainties in proving the true level of official sales in any given period.

At best, if inflation does rise to worrying levels, investor interest in gold could be rekindled. At worst, with further rises in US rates and a recovery in the dollar, the risk of a repeat of 1994's level of disinvestment looks rather low.

Mexico takes desperate steps to halt peso's slide

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN MEXICO CITY



Economic curbs will hurt all Mexican citizens

THE beleaguered Mexican Government yesterday announced sweeping measures to stop the peso's slide and get the economy back on track.

In a desperate move to restore economic stability the government said all sectors of society would have to pay a price to prevent the country from falling into a deadly spiral of high inflation and further devaluation of the battered peso.

President Ernesto Zedillo was due to address the nation to explain the measures, which many Mexicans fear could prompt widespread social unrest.

The plan calls for wage increases of 10 per cent, not enough to offset a 30 per cent plunge in the peso since the government announced a devaluation on December 20. It said the peso would continue to float freely in world markets as the country tries to protect its few remaining international reserves. Mexico's reserves, which totalled $17 billion two months ago, were down to $6.14 billion in December. The run on the peso was prompted by investor fears about a growing current account deficit that stood at $28 billion at yearend and the unresolved peasant rebellion in the state of Chiapas.

The rescue plan calls for cutting the deficit to $14 billion in 1995 by slowing growth to between 1.5 and 2 per cent for the year and curbing government spending by 1.3 per cent of gross domestic product.

As part of an effort to open the country to greater private investment and raise much-needed capital, the government said it would auction off the radio spectrum and allow private ownership of satellites. On Monday, it said it would privatise railways and speed up the sale of state-owned container terminals in Mexico's ports. It also said that local telephone services, exclusively run by the privately-owned Telefonos de Mexico, would be opened immediately to competition.

Under the rescue plan, Telefonos de Mexico also will lose its stranglehold on long distance service sooner than expected, with the start date for new providers advanced from January 1997 to August 1996.

Mexico will be helped in its rescue effort by an $18 billion bailout provided by the US, Canada, central banks in the Bank for International Settlements, and private banks. The consortium will provide credit lines for Mexico to fend off attacks on the peso while it tries to replenish its reserves.

Part of that money may go towards new securities, denominated and payable in dollars, which will be offered to holders of Mexican treasury bonds, or Tesobonos. Some $30 billion in Tesobonos come due this year, so the cash-starved government hopes investors will take the securities, being developed in conjunction with investment banks, instead of demanding payments Mexico cannot afford.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Investors stay cautious as index moves up a fraction

THE decision of many institutional investors, in particular those north of the border, to extend the festive season again took its toll on a London stock market which continues to be starved of funds.

This was clearly reflected in both the performance of the index and the low levels of turnover that plagued the market-place for much of 1994. Without any lead from Tokyo or New York, coupled with news of overnight losses in Hong Kong, the FT-SE 100 index opened lower and traded in narrow limits.

It finished the session 0.2 up at 3,065.7, reducing the move over the past two trading days to 0.1-point. Turnover was again at a low ebb, with a meagre 331 million shares changing hands.

Brokers remain optimistic about 1995, however, pointing out that on nine out of ten occasions during the 1980s, the market moved higher. They are clearly hoping for a similar performance this time around.

The insurance sector remained under a cloud as the controversy over sales staff being forced to disclose their commissions and charges continued to rage. To add salt to the wounds, Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, has decided to downgrade its profit forecasts for the insurance composites. It remains a buyer of **Commercial Union**, 1¼p easier at 506p, but has reduced its profit estimate for the current year from £519 million to £480 million. It has also cut its profits forecasts for **General Accident**, unchanged at 505p, by £23 million to £480 million, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 2½p better at 169p, £23 million to £260 million, **Royal Insurance**, 3p better at 282p, £41 million to £397 million, and **Sun Alliance**, ½p cheaper at 287p, £29 million to £412 million.

The speculative support that has been a feature of the water sector for the past few weeks showed signs of boiling over yesterday despite the fact that the Government's golden shares in the companies expired on New Year's Eve. Technically, this makes them vulnerable to unwanted takeover approaches and several are likely to emerge before the year is out. But talk of a takeover is also being countered by renewed political worries. The City is worried that if a Labour Government is returned at some stage, one of its first tasks will be to renationalise the industry.

Modest losses were recorded in **Anglian**, 2½p to 510p, **North West**, 3p to 539p, **Severn Trent**, 1p to 529p, **Southern**, 1½p to 569p, **Welsh**, 10p to 650p, and **Wessex**, ½p to 294p. As if to prove the point, **Northumbrian** moved against the trend with a rise of 8p to 750p. It remains high on speculators' lists as a potential takeover target.

Saatchi & Saatchi slipped 2p to 147p as the storm clouds began to gather following the decision of Maurice Saatchi, the former chairman, to sever all connections with the company he founded along with his brother back in the 1970s. Last month he was ousted as chairman. **Vodafone**, the mobile telephone network operator, finished 4p lower at 208p despite reporting its best month ever for new mobile phone connections. A total of 161,500 connections were made during December, raising the total for the final quarter to 313,500. The number of subscribers now stands at 1.63 million, an increase of more than 500,000 during 1994.

BT slipped 2½p to 375p after the company increased the price of its line rental by 4.6 per cent, raising bills by £1.10 to £24.79. Further concessions for customers making only a small number of calls and a small saving for those customers paying by direct debit are also being introduced. At the same time, the company has cut the cost of calls to North America by 20 per cent.

News of the overnight setback for shares in Hong Kong, where the Hang Seng Index tumbled 346, points provided a nervous start to the year those Far Eastern companies quoted in London. **HSBC** dropped 17½p to 689p, while **Standard Chartered** eased 3p to 277p. **Cable and Wireless** clawed back an early fall to finish all-square at 376p, helped by news of those price rises at rival BT.

Bob Morton, the financier, has been making use of the recent weakness in the share price to top up his holding in **Vistec**, the electronic component and computer servicing group. As the last few days ticked away, he picked up an extra 400,000 shares, paying 12.5p and taking his total holding up to 25.1 million shares, or 20.37 per cent. The share closed 1p firmer yesterday at 14p as more than 2 million changed hands.

The six *Tempus* share tips for 1995 made a mixed start, with **BTR** ½p firmer at 294p, and the **BTR Warrants** losing 1p at 62½p. **Sidlaw** hardened 1p to 199p and **Aran Energy** 1p to 44p, while **SG Warburg** was unmoved at 691p. There were setbacks for **ScottishPower**, 4p lower at 346p, and **Boots**, 6p off at 498p.

☐ **GILT EDGED**: Gilts had a volatile session that saw prices open lower on the back of weaker German bunds before rebounding to wipe out those earlier losses. The early pace could not be maintained and prices again drifted lower before the close on the back of the December survey from the US National Association of Purchasing Managers.

In the futures pit, the trading remained subdued. The March series of the Long Gilt touched £100¾ before ending the session £½ lower at £100 7/32, with only 15,000 contracts completed.

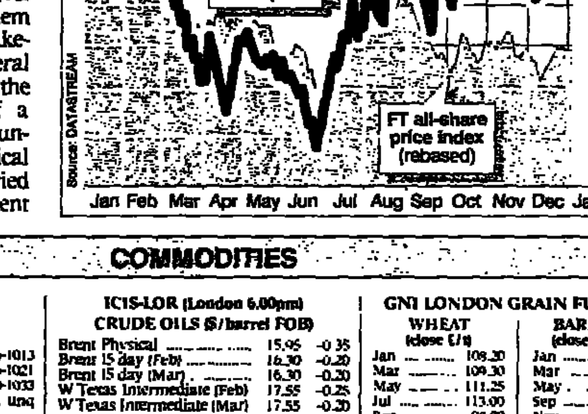
In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 dropped £21/32 to £103 7/32, while at the shorter end of the conventional market Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 eased seven ticks to £102 21/32.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Shares on Wall Street came under pressure from weaker bonds and gave back some of their year-end gains. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.06 points at 3,828.38.



Liffe traders yesterday reported a slow start to the year

Tomorrow's Leisure was steady at 10p as 2 million shares were traded outside the market at 10½p, a small premium. It was significant news for the group, which recently underwent a financial reconstruction that included Wiggins Group taking a 30 per cent stake and a £9 million rights issue at 10p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3828.38 (-6.06)
S&P Composite 457.52 (-1.75)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7844.14 (-346.90)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 416.82 (-0.37)

Sydney:
AO 1904.9 (-7.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2074.78 (-4.67)

Singapore:
Straits 2246.25 (+6.69)

Brussels:
General 7201.94 (-1.52)

Paris:
CAC-40 1885.91 (+4.76)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 648.50 (-2.00)

London:
FT 30 2363.7 (+2.8)
FT 100 3065.7 (+0.2)
FT-SE Mid 250 3496.2 (-5.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 1332.56 (-0.66)
FT A All-Share 1521.08 (-0.36)
FT Non Financials 1647.09 (+1.43)
FT Gold Mines 244.5 (+2.2)
FT Fixed Interest 109.53 (-0.02)
FT Govt Secs 90.77 (-0.10)
Bargains 14990
SEAQ Volume 313.0m
USM (Datastrm) 149.32 (+0.09)
US$ 1.5625 (-0.0020)
German Mark 2.4286 (+0.0041)
Exchange Index 79.8 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2750
£:SDR n/a
RPI 145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	98	+1
BSkyB	256½	...
British Assts Gth	64	...
Clydeport	167	...
Euclidian (100)	97	...
Fidelity Sp Val	92	...
Fidelity Sp Val W	29	...
First Russ Front ($10)	620	...
Fleming Nat Res (100)	92	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	102	-½
Grtmore Mcr Ind (500)	508	...
Hill Hire	102	...
Hydro Int (80)	83	...
Innovative Techs (120)	123	...
Investors Capital	90	...
Invstrs Cap Inc An	38	...
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Leg & Gen Rec (100)	99	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Matheson Llds IT (100)	85	...
Murray Emrg Ec (100)	92	+1
RAP Group	138	...
RM (175)	206	...
Residential Prop	101	...
SeaPerfect (120)	128	-1
TeleWest Comm (182)	168	-3
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Uts	123	+5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Inspirations n/p (120)	13	-2
MY n/p (53)	¼	...
OMI n/p (37)	2	...
Powell Duffryn n/p (440)	49	...
Tomorrows Lsre n/p (10)	½	...
Trio n/p (25)	¼	...
Verity n/p (7½)	1	...
Wikr Grnbnk n/p (90)	10	-1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Regent Inns 322p (+13p)
Bumfield 79p (+7p)
Burmah Castrol 826p (+11p)

FALLS:
Hutch Whamp 246p (-12½p)
Avon Rubber 459p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Terminal rents

BAA and British Airways, its leading client, have one thing in common: both are privatised transport groups. There, the similarities end. Faced with brutal price competition, the airline had to clean up its act and made a successful pitch for customers: "The world's favourite airline". BAA, a natural monopoly, was dumped into the private sector intact and while it argues vociferously that Heathrow must compete with airports in Amsterdam and Paris, airlines needing a presence at Europe's gateway regard the choice as academic.

That monopoly has led to very rapid growth in rental income at Heathrow throughout the recession despite squeals from airlines that enjoyed less growth in their own more competitive markets. Reports that BAA is to offer a new deal to its tenants might in part be an attempt to sell itself to its customers as "the world's favourite airport". More important is the possibility that the strong rental growth at Heathrow is slowing, partly due to the creation of new space putting supply and demand back into better equilibrium.

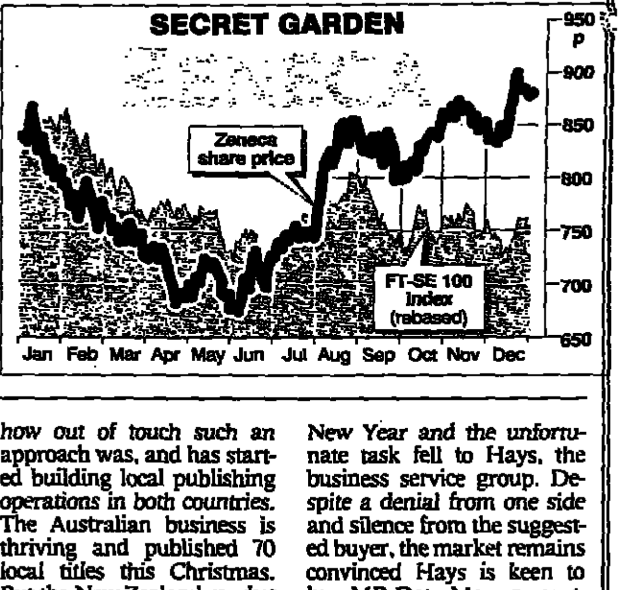
BAA will be aware a periodic MMC review of its business should be due next year in preparation for the CAA's recommendation on landing charges post-1997. The airports group has a problem with space: building more will please its customers which in turn will present a good picture to the regulator. But more space raises costs and depresses rents; without Terminal 5, BAA's near-term profits could escalate rapidly. Investors like BAA for the steady and reliable earnings growth that is expected from a monopoly service provider and BAA looks prepared to sacrifice short-term earnings to protect that monopoly.

Zeneca

ZENECA achieved a better price for its garden products business than Fisons did in its disposal last year, and a price of around turnover seems right for a business earning margins of about 10 per cent on sales of £34 million. Yesterday's deal was a tidying-up job. Selling weedkiller to amateur gardeners is more about brands than agrochemicals and while Zeneca may still make the ingredients, its crop protection business has bigger targets than Mr Greenfingers of Tunbridge Wells.

Like its pharmaceutical brethren, Zeneca's bigger strategic headache is American healthcare. Last month the company surprised the market with an imaginative solution. It has decided not to pile its eggs in one basket by writing a huge cheque for a distribution business or a parcel of OTC medicine brands. Nor is it willing to stick to its knitting like Wellcome. In buying Salick Health, Zeneca recognised that the largest healthcare market is becoming institutionalised and that a bigger share of the $40 billion cancer care market depends on becoming a service and not just a product provider.

Unlike other recent acquisitions, Zeneca's move should be welcomed as an aggressive investment in a new market. As the number two player in cancer drugs, it has little to fear and a lot to gain from wider investments in cancer care.



Hodder Headline

NO-ONE should doubt Hodder Headline's rapacious determination to claw its way to the top of the publishing industry, but its latest acquisition shows how far it is prepared to travel to become a market leader. Moa Beckett may not be one of the great names of Bloomsbury, but at least it has a commanding position in New Zealand publishing.

The £3.5 million acquisition might suggest the sanity of Hodder's board is slipping. In reality, the group is still striving to make the most of assets it inherited when it bought Hodder & Stoughton two years ago. Then Hodder's international operations in Australia and New Zealand were little more than imperial outposts, set up in an era when it could distribute books to grateful colonial citizens.

Hodder quickly realised how out of touch such an approach was, and has started building local publishing operations in both countries. The Australian business is thriving and published 70 local titles this Christmas. But the New Zealand market was too small to take a new entrant so Hodder has been forced into an acquisition.

International operations are no longer a sideshow of Hodder since they provide a third of group sales. But the Moa purchase is only a sideshow for the group's US ambitions. There the group is intent on a substantial buy to complete its network of English language publishers.

Hodder's gearing is low and the City has a strong appetite for its paper, witnessed by prospective a p/e ratio of more than 21. This places a much larger deal within its financial reach.

Hays

SOMEONE had to set the takeover hare running in the New Year and the unfortunate task fell to Hays, the business service group. Despite a denial from one side and silence from the suggested buyer, the market remains convinced Hays is keen to buy MR Data Management, a £66 million data processing and storage company.

As stories go, this one has more credibility than most launched into a quiet Tuesday in the market. MR's microfilm and data storage business would fit well in Hays' commercial services business. But Hays likes to woo its targets, so MR's insistence it has not held talks suggests a deal is some way off.

Hays generates at least £20 million a year in free cash, and has shown no reluctance to spend it on acquisitions. Document storage and distribution remain one of its priority areas of expansion, so even if the MR Data story is wide of the mark, it is not far off target.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	972-971	May	1016-1013
May	970-969	Jul	1026-1021
Jul	978-977	Sep	1040-1033
Sep	987-985	Dec	unq
Dec	996-994		
Mar	1007-1005	Volume:	7894

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2710-2705	Sep	2730-2720
Mar	2770-2765	Nov	2735-2720
May	2745-2740	Jan	2730-2715
Jul	2735-2725	Volume:	2356

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	368.0-66.1
Spot: 413.80		Dec	362.0-58.0
Mar	416.5-15.5	Mar	358.5-53.6
May	410.5-09.1	May	357.5-52.1
Aug	397.0-95.6	Volume:	942

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 2

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	80.76	119.10	120.94
(+/-)	+11.33	+0.81	-1.86
Eng/Wales:	80.76	119.17	120.94
(+/-)	n/a	n/a	n/a
(%)	...	...	...
Scotland:	unq	116.12	unq
(+/-)	...	n/a	...
(%)	...	...	...

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.95	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.30	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.30	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.55	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	17.55	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 163 (+1)	O: 165 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	146 (n/c)	148 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Feb	149 (n/c)	150 (-2)
Non EEC IH Mar	150 (-1)	153 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	103 (+2)	105 (+2)
Naphtha	160 (-2)	162 (-3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jan	145.50-45.75	Apr	150.25-50.50
Feb	148.25-48.50	May	150.75 SLR
Mar	150.25-50.50		Vol: 17386

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	16.27-16.29	May	16.34-16.36
Mar	16.29-16.32	Jun	16.38-16.42
Apr	16.32-16.36		Vol: 28132

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	108.20	Jan	103.50
Mar	109.30	Mar	105.50
May	111.25	May	107.75
Jul	113.00	Sep	95.75
Sep	98.00	Nov	97.50
Volume:	82	Volume:	0

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	231.0	234.4
May	unq	305.5
Jun	unq	unq
		Volume: 69

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Feb 104.75-105.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	2060	2020	2030
Feb 95	2060	2050	2025
Mar 95	2065	2015	2015
Apr 95	1980	1930	1930
Vol: 350 lots			Open interest: 3426

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	3005.0-3006.0	3004.0-3005.0	1204950
Lead ($/tonne)	653.00-654.00	672.50-673.50	227875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1136.5-1137.5	1163.0-1164.0	360875
Tin ($/tonne)	6010.0-6020.0	6110.0-6115.0	20925
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1976.0-1977.0	2004.0-2005.0	976200
Nickel ($/tonne)	8887.0-8890.0	9020.0-9025.0	109956

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom	500	36½	49	58½	0½	7	14
(*535)	550	3	20	30	18½	27	36½
Argyll	260	8½	19	25	4	8	15
(*265½)	280	1	10	14½	16	19	26½
ASDA	60	8½	9½	11½	0	1½	3
(*66)	70	2	4	5	4	6	7
Boots	460	39½	52	58	0	5	11½
(*498)	500	7	25½	32½	9	19	28
Br Airways	360	9	25½	32½	6	16½	24½
(*362)	390	0½	13	19½	28	34	42
BP	420	12½	24½	34	5	13½	21
(*427)	460	0½	8½	17	33	36	43½
Br Steel	140	16	20½	23½	0	2½	5
(*155½)	160	2	8½	12	6½	10½	13
C & W	360	19	34½	42	2½	12	19
(*376½)	390	3½	18½	27	16½	26½	34
CU	493	18	29½	—	3	22	—
(*506)	543	0½	10	—	37	56	—
ICI	750	19½	33½	48½	10½	35½	44
(*753½)	800	1	13½	29½	47	69	75½
Kingfishr	420	21	37	41	2½	13½	22
(*436½)	460	3	16½	22	24½	34	43½
Land Sec	550	47½	59	66	0	4½	11
(*596)	600	8	24	32½	9	19½	32
M & S	390	10	23½	31½	3½	11½	16½
(*396)	420	0½	9½	17	24	28	34
Nat West	500	18	32½	44	5½	26½	31
(*511)	550	1	12	23½	39½	58½	61½
Sainsbury	390	23½	37½	43½	1	8	17
(*412)	420	4	19½	27	11½	21	31
Shell	650	47	56	56½	0	9½	11½
(*695)	700	8	22½	32½	10½	30½	35
Smkl Bch	420	41	49½	57½	0½	7½	12½
(*459½)	460	9½	25	34	10	23	29½
Storehse	200	14½	21	25½	1	4½	7½
(*213½)	220	2	9	14	9	13½	17
Trafalgar	70	5	10	12	1	3½	5
(*75)	80	1	5	7	6	8½	10½
Unilever	1150	20	49	65	12½	40	52
(*1154½)	1200	3	27	43	46½	71½	81½
Zeneca	850	34½	53½	67½	4½	26	35½
(*879½)	900	7	27½	43	27½	53	62

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Grnd Met	390	18½	31	37	10	15½	22½
(*406)	420	5	16½	23	28½	33	38½
Ladbroke	160	13	17	22	3	9	10½
(*169)	180	3½	8	13	13½	19½	21½
Utd Bisc	300	33	37½	41½	1	8	11
(*329½)	330	11	18	24½	9½	21½	24½

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	450	22	34	—	1½	9½	—
(*469½)	475	5½	19	—	10½	18½	—
Thames W	460	28½	44	52	1	9	19
(*486)	500	4	21	30	17	26½	39½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAT Ind	420	25	34	39	6½	19½	27½
(*435½)	460	6½	15	21½	28	43½	51
BTR	280	19	24	30	3½	11½	14½
(*294)	300	7½	13½	20	12	22½	25
Br Aero	409	31	44	—	8½	21½	—
(*428)	448	12	26½	—	28	42½	—
Br Telcm	360	23½	34	41	3½	7½	12½
(*378)	390	6½	17	24½	16½	20½	25
Cadbury	420	24½	31	38½	4	15	17½
(*436½)	460	5½	12	20	25½	38	40½
Guinness	420	32½	40	45	2½	9	13
(*447)	460	8	17	24	18	28½	32½
GEC	260	18	25½	29½	2½	5	9½
(*273½)	280	6	13½	18	10	13	19
Hanson	220	15½	19	22½	2	6	9½
(*233)	240	4	8½	12½	10½	16	19½
LASMO	140	10	15	16	3½	7	8
(*146)	160	2	6	9	15½	18	19
Lucas	200	10	16½	22	6½	12	14½
(*202)	220	2½	8	13½	19½	24	26½
Pilkingtn	160	8½	13½	17½	4½	6½	10
(*163)	180	1½	5	8½	17½	18½	21½
Prudential	300	18	24	29	4½	15	17
(*311½)	330	4	9½	15½	21	32½	34½
Redland	460	17	27½	35½	15	32½	37
(*461½)	500	4	12	18½	42	60½	64
R-Royce	160	23	24	27½	0½	4	6
(*179)	180	6½	12	16	6½	12	14½
Tesco	240	12½	19½	22	5	11½	14½
(*247)	260	3	10	13	16	22½	25½
Vodafone	200	14½	21	25½	3	7	9½
(*208½)	217	5½	—	—	10½	—	—
Williams	300	16½	24	28½	3½	13	14
(*312)	330	3	10	15	20½	30	31

FT-SE INDEX (*3063½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Jan	126½	80½	53½	27½	12	4½
Feb	161	125½	93½	64½	42½	27½
Mar	178½	142½	112	84	62	43½
Apr	194	162½	134	107½	86½	66½
Jun	—	192½	—	136	—	92½
Puts						
Jan	10½	18	35	61	98½	145
Feb	29½	44½	63½	86½	117	154
Mar	49	63½	83	106	134½	168
Apr	65	83½	104	128	157½	188
Jun	—	105	—	150	—	207

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	420	22½	29½	37	16	22	28
(*429½)	460	7½	13	20½	43½	47½	52
Amstrad	125	13	17	—	3½	6½	—
(*134)	150	2	6½	—	19½	20½	—
Barclays	600	34½	45½	55½	21	30½	34
(*612)	650	12½	23½	34	52½	60½	65½
Blue Circ	280	15½	21	26	12	20½	25
(*280)	300	7½	13	18	24	33	37
Br Gas	300	24	30	33	4½	11	14
(*316)	330	8	14	18	18½	26½	29½
Dixons	180	14½	20½	23½	6½	10	15
(*188)	200	5½	11	14½	17½	21	26
Forte	220	23	27	30½	3	8	10
(*238½)	240	10	16½	19½	10½	17	19
Hillsdwn	160	22	25½	26½	1	4	7
(*179½)	180	7½	13	14½	6½	14	16
Lonrho	140	15	19½	21½	3	6½	9
(*151½)	160	5	10	12½	13½	16½	19½
Sears	110	6½	9	9½	5	8	9
(*110)	120	2½	5	5½	11½	14½	15
Thrn Eml	1000	58	84½	94	14½	23½	37½
(*1034½)	1050	29	56	65	36	44½	61½
Tomkins	200	21	28	30½	2½	6	9½
(*219½)	220	9	16	19½	10	14	15½
TSB	220	20	24	30½	6½	9½	12½
(*235)	240	9	14	20½	16	20	23½
Wellcome	650	66	82	94	17	27	36
(*699½)	700	37½	55	68½	36½	49½	59

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Glaxo	650	25	49½	63½	6½	28½	37½
(*667½)	700	3	23	40½	35	56½	66
HSBC	650	49½	63½	75½	2	25	33½
(*691)	700	12½	35	49½	18½	50½	59½
Reuter	460	13	27½	39	6	21	27
(*465)	500	1	11½	22	35	45½	50½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Jul	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Jul
Royal Ins	280	12½	19	34½	10	19½	22
(*280½)	300	5	11	16½	22½	32	34

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Fisons	110	10	13	16½	7½	11	12½
(*110)	120	6	9½	12½	13½	16½	18½

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Eastern Gp	750	50½	74½	87½	11½	26	40
(*792½)	800	21	47½	60½	33½	49	64

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Natl Pwr	460	39	51	56½	7½	16½	22½
(*485½)	500	16½	29	36	25	36	42
Scot Pwr	330	23½	35½	41	11	17	24
(*345½)	360	9½	21	26½	30	32½	40

January 3, 1995 Tot: 19114 Call: 8387 Put: 10727 FT-SE Call: 3319 Put: 4040

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3075.0	3084.0	3062.0	3080.0	5298
Previous open interest: 58350	Jun 95	3092.0	3092.0	3092.0	3092.0	350
FT-SE 250	Mar 95				3512.5	0
Previous open interest: 3968	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.58	92.63	92.56	92.58	7687
Previous open interest: 397334	Jun 95	91.83	91.89	91.77	91.78	4183
	Sep 95	91.34	91.38	91.23	91.24	3387
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95				92.77	0
Previous open interest: 2276	Jun 95				91.97	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.40	94.43	94.38	94.42	9835
Previous open interest: 659413	Jun 95	93.98	94.03	93.97	94.02	9076
Long Gilt	Mar 95	100-17	100-30	100-02	100-07	15275
Previous open interest: 99064	Jun 95				99-07	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.50	108.52	108.41	108.43	267
	Jun 95				107.73	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	88.92	89.04	88.67	88.76	45723
Previous open interest: 169966	Jun 95	88.20	88.30	88.14	88.16	3
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.17	93.27	93.17	93.21	1001
Previous open interest: 19656	Jun 95	92.73	92.84	92.73	92.77	370
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.50	95.56	95.49	95.55	3284
Previous open interest: 72505	Jun 95	95.21	95.22	95.17	95.21	736
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	98.60	99.25	98.41	98.94	13813
Previous open interest: 42336	Jun 95				98.24	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 5½ Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth: 6⅛

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6-5¾	6⅛-6	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½
Interbank:	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½

Overnight: open 6, close 6¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6½	7⅛	7⅝
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½
Dollar CDs:	5.95	n/a	6.39	6.90	7.73
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1994 Agreed rates Dec 26, 1994 to Jan 24, 1995 Scheme III: 7.39 %. Reference rate Nov 1, 1994 to Nov 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.107 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-6	7-6⅞	5⅝-5½
Deutschemark:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5¼-5⅛	5½-5⅜	5⅛-4⅞
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	6⅛-6	6⅝-6½	5½-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	4-3⅞	4-3⅞	4⅛-4	4⅜-4¼	4-3¾
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2¼-2⅛	2½-2⅜	2⅛-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.30-382.70 Close: $380.00-380.50 High: $382.70-383.20 Low: $379.25-379.75 AM: $381.40 PM: $380.90

Krugerrand: $379.50-381.50 (£242.50-244.50)

Platinum: $416.15 (£266.60) **Silver:** $4.74 (£3.035) **Palladium:** $156.75 (£100.40)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for Jan 3	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7192-2.7282	2.7224-2.7258	¼-⅛pr	1-¾pr
Brussels	49.87-50.10	49.91-50.01	6-1pr	16-10pr
Copenhagen	9.5330-9.5660	9.5410-9.5560	⅛pr-par	1¼-¾pr
Dublin	1.0095-1.0130	1.0097-1.0124	3pr-par	2ds-2pr
Frankfurt	2.4279-2.4360	2.4289-2.4321	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-¼pr
Lisbon	249.05-250.08	249.25-249.59	79-91ds	230-253ds
Madrid	205.92-206.58	206.17-206.46	33-41ds	105-118ds
Milan	2530.90-2538.80	2535.50-2538.70	4-6ds	14-17ds
Montreal	2.1785-2.1965	2.1934-2.1965	0.09-0.02pr	0.02-0.09ds
New York	1.5608-1.5642	1.5632-1.5642	0.03-0.01pr	0.05-0.02pr
Oslo	10.5890-10.6290	10.6040-10.6200	1½-½pr	2½-1½pr
Paris	8.3700-8.3970	8.3730-8.3870	¼-⅛pr	⅜-1¼ds
Stockholm	11.6170-11.6800	11.6410-11.6660	1¼-2ds	3½-5¼ds
Tokyo	156.22-157.35	157.08-157.35	¾-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	17.09-17.15	17.10-17.13	1½-¾pr	6½-4½pr
Zurich	2.0502-2.0582	2.0502-2.0532	¾-½pr	1½-1pr

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2978-1.2987
Austria	10.93-10.94
Belgium (Com)	31.96-31.97
Canada	1.4033-1.4038
Denmark	6.1025-6.1055
France	5.3595-5.3635
Germany	1.5540-1.5545
Hong Kong	7.7373-7.7383
Ireland	1.5458-1.5473
Italy	1621.60-1622.60
Japan	100.35-100.40
Malaysia	2.5485-2.5495
Netherlands	1.7404-1.7414
Norway	6.7790-6.7820
Portugal	159.53-159.63
Singapore	1.4530-1.4540
Spain	131.81-131.86
Sweden	7.4443-7.4543
Switzerland	1.3130-1.3140

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5604-1.5630
Australia dollar	2.0280-2.0300
Bahrain dinar	0.5825-0.5945
Brazil real*	1.3167-1.3208
Cyprus pound	0.739-0.749
Finland markka	7.390-7.506
Greece drachma	373.25-380.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.0872-12.0926
India rupee	48.52-49.48
Kuwait dinar KD	0.463-0.473
Malaysia ringgit	3.9803-3.9831
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4414-2.4460
Pakistan rupee	47.55 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7925-5.9185
Singapore dollar	2.2688-2.2711
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3072-6.3426
S Africa rand (com)	5.5399-5.5466
U A E dirham	5.6725-5.7965

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	135	Legal & Gn	536
ASDA Gp	8,400	Lloyds Bk	1,800
Abbey Natl	1,600	MEPC	274
Alld Dom	744	Marks Spr	1,600
Argyll Gp	304	NatWst Bk	2,200
Arjo Wiggn	570	Nat Power	505
AB Foods	46	Nth Wst W	26
BAA	600	P & O	852
BAT Inds	3,400	Pearson	277
BOC	280	PowerGen	1,000
BP	5,400	Prudential	2,600
BTR	4,000	RMC	23
BT	6,300	RTZ	693
Bk of Scot	131	Rank Org	1,600
Barclays	2,700	Reckitt Col	151
Bass	1,300	Redland	205
Blue Circle	1,100	Reed Intl	816
Boots	875	Rentokil	264
Bowater	717	Reuters	833
Brit Aero	31	Rolls Royce	1,900
Brit Airwys	2,400	Ryl Ins	418
Brit Gas	6,600	Ryl Bk Scot	963
Brit Steel	1,600	Sainsbury	1,300
Burmah Cstl	614	Schroders	3
Cable Wire	3,300	Scot & New	233
Cadbury	1,400	Scot Power	869
Caradon	1,200	Sears	185
Carlton Cms	186	Svrn Trent	167
Cm Union	567	Shell Trans	1,300
Courtaulds	531	Siebe	299
De La Rue	18	SmKl Bch	1,800
Eastern Elec	1,200	Smith Nph	102
Enterpr Oil	1,200	Sthern Elec	931
Forte	1,100	Std Chartd	2,600
GKN	654	Sun Allnce	2,800
GRE	1,800	TI Gp	2,600
GUS	580	TSB	897
Gen Acc	716	Tesco	3,100
Gen Elec	1,600	Thames W	2,400
Glaxo	3,100	Thrn EMI	886
Granada	499	Tomkins	1,100
Grand Met	2,700	Unilever	809
Guinness	791	Utd Bisc	239
HSBC	3,800	Vodafone	4,000
Hanson	7,700	Warburg (SG)	826
ICI	886	Wellcome	1,200
Inchcape	138	Whitbread	739
Kingfisher	823	Wlms Hld	1,500
Ladbroke	1,300	Wolseley	278
Land Secs	507	Zeneca	332

WALL STREET

	Jan 3 midday	Dec 30 close
AMP Inc	71½	72½
AMR Corp	54½	53¾
AT & T	49¾	50¼
Abbott Labs	32¾	32½
Advanced Micro	25	24¾
Aetna Life	47	47¼
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	16½
Air Prod & Chem	44½	44½
Albertson's	28¾	29
Alcan Aluminum	25¼	25¼
Alco Standard	62¾	62¾
Allied Signal	34½	34
Alum Co of Am	86½	86½
Amax Gold Inc	5¾	6
Amerada Hess	44½	45¼
Amer Brands	37½	37½
Amer El Power	32½	32½
Amer Express	29¾	29½
Amer Genl Corp	28¼	28¼
Amer Home Pr	63½	62¾
Amer Intl	96½	98
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Ameritech	40½	40¾
Amoco	59	59½
Anheuser-Busch	50¾	50¾
Apple Computer	38	39
Archer Daniels	20¾	20½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	38½	38¾
Asarco	28¾	28½
Ashland Oil	34½	34½
Atl Richfield	102¼	101½
Auto Data Pro	58	58½
Avery Dennison	34½	35½
Avon Products	60½	59½
Baker Hughes	18½	18½
Baltim Gas & El	22¾	22½
Banc One	25½	25½
BankAmerica	39½	39½
Bank of NY	29½	29
Bankers Tr NY	56½	55½
Barnett Banks	38½	38½
Bausch & Lomb	34	33½
Baxter Intl	28	28½
Bectn Dicknsn	48½	48
Bell Atlantic	49½	49½
BellSouth	53¾	54½
Black & Decker	23¾	23½
Block (H&R)	36½	37½
Boeing	46¾	46½
Boise Cascade	26½	26¾
Borden Inc	12½	12½
Bristol Myrs Sq	58½	57½
Browning Ferris	27¾	28½
Brunswick	18½	18½
Burlington Nthn	48½	48½
CBS	56½	55½
CNA Financial	65	64½
CPC Intl	53½	53¾
CSX	70½	69½
Campbell Soup	43¾	44½
Can Pacific	15	15
Cpl Cities ABC	85½	85½
Carolina Pwr	26½	26½
Caterpillar	54½	55½
Central & SW	22½	22½
Champion Intl	36½	36½
Chase Manhat	34½	34½
Chemical Bk	36	35½
Chevron Corp	44½	44½
Chrysler	49½	49
Chubb Corp	76½	77½
Cigna Corp	62¾	63½
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	58½	58½
Coastal Corp	25½	25½
Coca Cola	51½	51½
Colgate-Palmolive	62½	63½
Columbia Gas	23½	23½
Compaq Comp	39	39½
Comp Ass Int	47½	48½
Conagra	31½	31½
Cons Edison	26½	25½
Cons Nat Gas	36	35½
Cons Rail	51½	50½
Cooper Inds	34½	34½
Corning Inc	29½	29½
Crown Cork	38½	37½
Dana Corp	23½	23½
Dayton Hudson	70	70½
Deere	66½	66½
Delta Air Lines	50½	50½
Deluxe Corp	26½	26½
Detroit Edison	26	26
Digital Equip	32½	33½
Dillard Dept St	25½	26½
Disney (Walt)	46½	46½
Dominion Res	35½	35½
Donelley (RR)	29½	29½
Dover Corp	51½	51½
Dow Chemical	65½	67½
Dow Jones	31½	31
Dresser	19	18½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Brdstret	54½	55
Du Pont	56	56½
Eastman Kodak	48½	47½
Eaton Corp	48½	49½
Emerson Elec	62	62½
Engelhard Corp	22½	22½
Enron Corp	30	30½
Entergy	22	21½
Ethyl Corp	9½	9½
Exxon	60½	60½
FMC Corp	57½	57½
FPL Group	34½	35½
Federal Express	60	60½
Fed Nat Mtge	72½	72½
First Chicago	47½	47½
First Interstate	67½	67½
First Union Rlty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	32½	32½
Fluor Corp	43½	43½
Ford Motor	27½	28
GTE Corp	30½	30½
Gannett	53½	53½
Gap Inc Del	30½	30½
Gen Dynamics	43½	43½
Gen Electric	50½	51
Gen Mills	57	57
Gen Motors	41½	42½
Gen Reinsurance	122½	123½
Gen Signal	31½	31½
Genuine Parts	35½	36
Georgia Pac	71½	71½
Gillette	75½	74½
Glaxo ADR	20½	20½
Goodrich (BF)	43½	43½
Goodyear Tire	33½	33½
Grace (WandR)	38½	38½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	17½	18½
Great Wstn Fin	16½	16
Halliburton	33½	33½
Harcourt General	35½	35½
Heinz (HJ)	36½	36½
Hercules	115½	115½
Hershey Foods	49½	48½
Hewlett Packard	99	99½
Hilton Hotels	67	67½
Home Depot	45½	46
Homestake Mng	16½	17½
Honeywell	31½	31½
Household Intl	36	37½
Houston Inds	35½	35½
Humana	22½	22½
ITT Corp	87½	88½
Illinois Tool	43½	43½
Illinova	21½	21½
INCO	28½	28½
Ingersoll Rand	31½	31½
Inland Steel	35	35½
Intel Corp	63½	63½
IBM	73½	73½
Intl Flav & Fr	45½	46½
Intl Paper	74½	75½
James River Va	20½	20½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54½	54½
Kellogg	57½	58½
Kerr-McGee	46½	46
Kimberly-Clark	51½	50½
Kmart	13½	13
Knight-Ridder	51½	50½
Lilly (Eli)	65½	65½
Limited Inc	17½	18½
LIN Brdcstng	134	133½
Lincoln Nat	35½	35
Litton	37	37
Liz Claiborne	17½	16½
Lockheed	72½	72½
Louisiana Pac	27½	27½
MCI Comm	18½	18½
Marriott Ins	28	28½
Marsh & McLnn	79½	79½
Masco Corp	22½	22½
May Dept St	33½	33½
Maytag Corp	15½	15
McDonalds	29	29½
McDonnell D	141½	142
McGraw Hill	67½	66½
Mead Corp	48½	48½
Medtronic	54½	55½
Mellon Bk	30½	30½
Melville Corp	31½	30½
Merck Inc	38½	38½
Merrill Lynch	35½	35½
Minnesota Mine	53½	53½
Mobil Corp	84½	84½
Monsanto	69½	70½
Morgan (JP)	56½	56
Motorola Inc	57½	57½
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	19	19½
Natl Service Ind	25½	25½
Navistar Intl	15½	15½
NBD Bancorp	27½	27½
NY Times A	22½	22½
Newmont Mng	35½	36
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	72½	74½
NL Industries	12½	12½
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	40½	42
Norfolk Sthrn	61½	60½
Nthn State Pwr	44½	44
Norwest Corp	23	23½
Nynex Corp	36½	36½
Occidental Pet	19½	19½
Ohio Edison	18½	18½
Oracle Systems	43½	44½
Oryx Energy Co	12	11½
Owens Corning	31½	32
PNC Financial	21½	21½
PPG Industries	37½	37½
Paccar Inc	43½	44½
Pacificorp	18½	18½
Pac Enterprises	21½	21½
Pac Gas & Elec	24½	24½
Pac Telesis	28½	28½
Pall Corp	18½	18½
Panhandle East	19½	19½
Parker Hannifin	45½	45½
Peco Energy	24½	24½
Penney (JC)	43½	44½
Pennzoil	44½	44½
Pepsico	35½	36½
Pfizer	76½	77½
Phelps Dodge	60½	61½
Philip Morris	57½	57½
Phillips Pet	32½	32½
Pitney Bowes	31	31½
Polaroid	33½	32½
PriceCostco	12½	12½
Procter & Gmbl	62½	62
Providian	30½	30½
Pub Serv E & G	26½	28½
Quaker Oats	31	30½
Ralston Purina	44½	44½
Raychem Corp	36	35½
Raytheon	63½	63½
Reebok Intl	39½	39½
Reynolds Metals	48½	49
Roadway Srvcs	55½	56½
Rockwell Intl	35½	35½
Rohm & Haas	56½	57½
Royal Dutch	107½	107½
Rubbermaid	28½	28½
Safeco Corp	51½	52
St Paul's Cos	44½	44½
Salomon Inc	37½	37½
Santa Fe Pac	17½	17½
Sara Lee Corp	25½	25½
Scecorp	14½	14½
Schering Plough	74½	74
Schlumberger	50½	50½
Scott Paper	68½	69½
Seagram	29½	29½
Sears Roebuck	46½	46
Shell Trans	65	65½
Sherwin Wlms	32½	33½
Skyline Corp	18½	19½
Snap-On-Tools	33½	33½
Southern Co	19½	20
Sthwestern Bell	40½	40½
Sprint Corp	27	27½
Stanley Works	36½	35½
Sun Company	28½	28½
Sun Microsys	35½	35½
Suntrust	48½	47½
Supervalu	24	24½
Sysco Corp	26	25½
TRW Inc	65½	66
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	17½	17½
Tandy Corp	50½	50½
Teledyne	20	20½
Temple Inland	45½	45½
Tenneco	42½	42½
Texaco	60½	60½
Texas Inst	73½	74½
Texas Utilities	32½	32
Textron	49½	50½
Time Warner	35½	35½
Times-Mirror	31½	31½
Timken	34½	35½
Torchmark	34½	34½
Toys R Us	30½	30½
Transamerica	50	49½
Travelers	33	32½
Tribune	54½	54½
Tyco Labs	47	47½
UST Inc	27½	27½
UAL	88½	87½
USX Marathon	16½	16½
Unicom	24½	24
Unilever NY	115½	116½
Union Camp	47½	47½
Union Carbide	28½	29½
Union Pacific	46½	45½
Unisys Corp	9½	9½
USAir Group	4½	4½
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	34½	34½
US West	35½	35½
United Tech	62½	62½
Unocal Corp	27½	27½
Upjohn	30½	30½
VF Corp	48½	48½
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	21	21½
Warner-Lambert	76½	77
Wells Fargo	145½	146
Westinghouse El	12½	12½
Weyerhaeuser	37½	37½
Whirlpool	50½	50½
Whitman	16½	17½
Winn Dixie	51½	51½
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	49	49½
Xerox	98½	98½
Yellow Corp	25½	25½

Experience forges voice for industry at Westminster

Philip Bassett looks at how a committee and its chairman have helped to shape government policy



Richard Caborn relishes the opportunity to scrutinise the Government

On the wall behind his Commons office desk, Richard Caborn has a large photograph of a big steel ingot glowing white-hot as it emerges from a Sheffield furnace. "I built that," he says, jerking his thumb at the plant. "First job I had after I served my time. All gone now, of course."

Such a deep and personal knowledge of British industry is what informs his work as chairman of the all-party Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee and is one of the reasons most business leaders are respectful, and even slightly fearful, when they are summoned before the influential committee to give evidence.

"Caborn is a very sharp chairman," says a prominent industry leader who has appeared in front of the committee. "The committee is right on the ball: just look at what they've done over the past year — in front of the Government every time."

On Britain's industrial competitiveness, on the future of the Post Office, on information superhighways, on increasing competition in the gas industry — the committee has led the way, prompting respectively from the Government a White Paper, a Green Paper and an eventual decision to abandon privatisation, a full Government command statement and a Bill that will go into the Commons this year in very different form because of the committee's hearings.

The first important shift in the standing of the committee came with the debacle over the Government's pit closure announcements in October 1992, not long after Mr Caborn, the Labour MP for Sheffield Central, took over the committee's chairmanship.

In the face of the public outcry over the announced closures and the loss of 30,000 miners' jobs, two parallel inquiries were established: the committee's in public, and behind closed Whitehall doors, the Department of Trade and Industry's.

In fact, both tracked each other closely, with ministers clearly using the committee inquiry as a public sounding board on a highly sensitive issue, testing out the ground before issuing their own white paper on coal.

Mr Caborn is aware of the dangers of the committee being used in such a way — but believes they are outweighed by the opportunity to scrutinise properly the Government's industrial policies and give industry a public voice at Westminster.

Just as the coal inquiry proved commercially vital in determining the market — or lack of it — for coal, so too have subsequent inquiries by the committee been of genuine financial importance in shaping the industries they were examining, and those involved have been keen — very keen — to know what was going on.

As Judith Church, Labour MP for the industrial constituency of Dagenham, put it in the Commons about the hearings on gas: "People were refused entry to the hearings, and some who did get in had to sit on the floor because so many potential gas suppliers wanted to get a sniff of the money that they would make. One could barely hear the evidence being given for the sound of lips smacking in anticipation."

The committee's inquiry surprised and disconcerted even the lip-smackers with the depth of its investigation. "We thought it wouldn't be much," says one manager in a potential gas supply company. "We were wrong. It went deep in and got to the heart of things in a way we simply hadn't expected."

The hearings changed the forthcoming Bill, shifting ministers from their initial plans to open up substantial slices of the industry to competition immediately to a few much smaller-scale pilot schemes.

In the same way, the inquiry into the future of the Post Office was not just an exposition of the argument about what was to happen to the PO, but an important part of it, drawing for the first time a clear rejection by the Government of the "halfway-house" option of greater commercial freedom within continuing public ownership. PO leaders privately join MPs in hoping that the committee's revisiting of the issue this month will force the Government again to make a substantial statement on a key industry — even if it is one which, following the privatisation fiasco, is embarrassing for ministers.

Part of the reason the committee is now a force in industry, and especially in that shifting area where industry and government come into contact, is because industry rates the committee. Business leaders with experience of parading before MPs in the committee corridor of the House have a rough ranking for TISC — behind the powerful Public Accounts Committee, with the spectre of the National Audit Office lurking; but ahead — well ahead — of the Commons Employment Committee, chaired by Greville Janner, which tends to irritate business leaders hugely.

How importantly industry rates a committee such as the Trade and Industry Committee is reflected in the quality of evidence business submits, which is usually of a high order. For example, taken together the papers put in as evidence to the inquiry on competitiveness last year from companies such as British Steel, Glaxo, Ford, Dixons, GKN, ICI, GEC and Courtaulds easily remain the best current description of the state of British industry. "It's hard work getting our stuff as good as we can," says one industry leader. "With Caborn's committee, it's worth it. With Janner's lot, it just isn't" — though it is Mr Janner's committee which, this month, under his probing chairmanship, MPs expect will make Cedric Brown, British Gas chief executive, squirm about his recent 75 per cent pay rise.

Business leaders reckon that the trade committee has a good balance, with Mr Caborn's chairmanship closely matched by Keith Hampson, the Conservative MP who often acts almost as a co-chairman. That balance is reflected in the fact that under Mr Caborn's chairmanship, all of its reports — no matter how sensitive the issue — have been agreed by all sides, sharply decreasing the likelihood of their simply being dismissed unread and unacted upon. Mr Caborn regards it as a failure if he cannot get agreement to a report.

That coherence comes in a good deal earlier than when MPs look at a first draft report. "We do a lot of preparation," Mr Caborn says. "We think where we want to go." That's not to say there isn't argument on the committee. Mr Caborn is not universally popular, even with his own commitee members, some of whom tried hard to unseat him once — a move he not only parried, but then topped when he threatened to resign in the final moments of the committee's lengthy coal inquiry.

And it is not to say that because business leaders prefer appearing before it to some others, that it is an easy ride. "We produce well-informed reports," Mr Caborn says, "and that means close questioning.

"But we do have a different style with industrialists than, say, ministers. We have to be able to put the Government under scrutiny. That's our job. But with industry, our job is to make sure that industry has a voice in Parliament." MPs accept that striking such a balance is often far from easy.

Even with the close scrutiny of industry that the select committee system allows for, there are problems. Principal among them for MPs is that there is no means of ensuring select committee reports are debated on the floor of the House: it still smarts among committee members that having been set up by the Commons, the committee's coal inquiry never made it back into the chamber.

Back in his Commons office, Mr Caborn is looking ahead with relish to the new round of inquiries — on the Post Office again, on finance for industry, on competition policy, on regional policy. Ministers may not be so keen, but Mr Caborn remains aware of the opportunity for looking hard at industry that the committee offers. "It's trying to keep ahead of the game," he says. "That's what we're trying to do."

Status symbol connects to the real world

Eric Reguly foresees an uncertain future for the mobile phone industry

Subscription figures released yesterday by Vodafone and Cellnet provided ample evidence that the mobile phone, with remarkable speed, has shed its luxury status to become another mass consumer item like the video recorder and the microwave oven.

Vodafone, the market leader, now has more than 1.6 million subscribers: it gained 186,000 of them in the past three months alone, implying annual growth rates of about 50 per cent. Cellnet has added 281,000 customers since September, making its subscriber base almost as large as Vodafone's.

Howard Ford, Cellnet's managing director, said that in the mid to late 1980s "Cellnet was happy to get 1,000 new customers a month". He added: "Now we're getting 100,000 a month."

Vodafone and Cellnet have about 3.2 million customers between them. Mercury One-2-One, a joint venture between Mercury Communications and US West, is thought to have about 200,000 customers, while Orange, a newcomer controlled by Hutchison Whampoa of Hong Kong, has more than 100,000. Everyone thinks that the market has a long way to go before it reaches saturation. Even pessimists say that eight million subscribers are likely by the end of the decade; optimists predict 12 million or more.

> There is more and more talk that the best days are over

Growth prospects seem too good to be true. Although the industry is nowhere near maturity, the first signs of stress have appeared and there is more and more talk that the best days are over. "There's no problem in getting 10 million customers; the problem is getting them profitably," said Martin Mabbutt, an analyst at James Capel.

Vodafone provided the first hints of trouble in November, when it disclosed that it was being badly affected by fraud and "bad debt". Together, they will cost Vodafone £25 million in the current financial year, or about 3 per cent of its annual turnover.

Fraud refers largely to fictional customers. Vodafone claims that it is the victim of an army of unscrupulous sub-dealers — independent agents who work on commission to sign up more mobile phone users. Bad debt refers to a legitimate customer's inability to pay a bill. In the drive for subscribers, credit checks have become lax: anyone who can prove he can pay an electricity bill is eligible for a mobile phone.

The second hint came when Mercury One-2-One's free-call promotion on Christmas Day ran into trouble. Overloaded networks meant that hundreds, perhaps thousands, of new customers were unable to make international calls. One-2-One is offering rebates to the loudest complainers.

The One-2-One promotion and the growing levels of bad debt show that the industry is taking expensive risks to ensure rapid growth. If the four main players want to add a million new customers each year for the next five years, even greater risks will have to be taken. An all-out price war is the industry's biggest fear because it would destroy profit margins overnight and possibly put one of the weaker players out of business. Vodafone seems most likely to start a price war because of Cellnet's threat to displace it as the market leader. Vodafone says that it is more likely to rely on marketing than price in its effort to keep Cellnet at bay. But it admits that it may go after Cellnet's core consumer market for extra sales: at the moment, Vodafone concentrates on the business market. Similarly, Cellnet may have to reach into Vodafone's market to keep growing.

Marketing can only go so far as the technical advantages of each mobile phone system begins to blur. Mercury One-2-One, for example, has pinned its entire growth strategy on free calls. It does not charge for calls made after 7pm or on weekends.

The next fews months will be crucial. If Cellnet's next subscription figures put it in first place and Vodafone defends itself by discounting its tariffs, there may be a bloodbath. Consumers will be the only winners.

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Maurice and Charles who?

PERHAPS the real reason why Maurice Saatchi has decided to call it a day lies in one of the questions put by Jeremy Paxman to the team from Queen's University, Belfast, during the festive edition of *University Challenge* on BBC2. Paxman: "Which highly successful company bearing the name of its founders was established by the brothers Charles and Maurice in 1970?" Panel (heavily conferring) ... (mutter, mutter) ... (much head scratching) ... (mutter..mutter) finally said: "No idea." Paxman (in his best indignant voice): "No idea? It was Saatchi & Saatchi, of course (more indignation) the very famous advertising agency — the most famous campaign being for the Conservatives in the 1979 election". Panel (more shaking of heads, and in a despondent aside) "Never heard of it".

Sweet talk

CUT-PRICE beer and wine are not the only problems the DTI have to contend with from British day-visitors to France. A price advantage of 40 per cent has brought Yorkshire-made liquorice allsorts into the same category. Hypermarkets at Calais are selling boxes made by Bassetts of Sheffield for about £2.70, which eager sweet-tooths are bringing back to the UK where they would have to pay £4, according to Peter Hardy MP, who is raising the issue with Michael Heseltine.



"So I said, why not let it as global advertising space?"

Just reward

HATS off to John Brown of Binder Hamlyn, the accountancy firm, who was created a CBE in the New Year's Honours for services to taxation policy. Brown, the firm's principal VAT consultant, has spent the past 21 years following the ways of the VATman, set up a VAT practice for Arthur Young in 1972, and has advised countries from Greece to Singapore on the implementation of the dreaded tax. But there is a kinder side to him — down the years, Brown has raised more than £10,000 by running marathons for charities including Action on Addiction and the Leonard Cheshire Foundation.

£10 a head

I AM pleased to learn that The Savoy group has started 1995 in a generous mood ... well, at four of its restaurants at least. For this month only, the hungry and those with only £10 to spend on food can dine at either The Perroquet at The Berkeley, The Causerie at Claridge's, at Grill St Quentin and/or at Simpson's-in-the-Strand for just a tenner. Just in case the cynical think the offer is only for the first two in a long queue of hopefuls, I am assured that the dining room capacity of the four establishments is 450. There are two conditions — You must sit down before 8pm, and "guests are cordially reminded of our jacket and tie dress code".

COLIN CAMPBELL

Business travel is the key, **Jon Ashworth** says

Declarations of airfare war on routes to the Far East



Flying into flak: Thai Air is trying to be more dominant in a cut-throat sector

It may lack the profile of the transatlantic airfare wars, but the battle for business on routes to the Far East is every bit as intense. British Airways, Qantas, Singapore Airlines and their competitors are bracing themselves for a price war this spring that could see ticket prices cut by up to 25 per cent.

Malaysia's national carrier is expected soon to increase by up to 40 per cent its flights from the UK to South-East Asia. Rival airlines will have to cut their fares to match the inevitable special offers, triggering the first price war in the region in three years. The move will be good for travellers, but will do little to help airlines struggling to balance their books.

Trends in the area are mirrored by Thai Airways International, which is slowly returning to form after the disastrous slump brought on by the Gulf War. Pre-tax profits tumbled from 4.38 million baht (£110,000) in the year to September 30, 1992 to 1.38 million baht in the same period in 1993. They recovered to 4.2 million baht in the year to September 30, 1994. The airline, which is 92 per cent owned by the Thai Government — the rest was floated on the stock market in 1991 — claims to carry about 38 per cent of all passengers flying to Bangkok from London. Qantas, which spends about £2 million a year promoting itself in the UK as a carrier to South-East Asia, speaks for about 35 per cent of the traffic.

The real money lies in business travel, yet the Thai airline was surprisingly slow to tune itself to that market. Business passengers typically pay up to three times the economy fare — between £1,850 and £2,000 for a London-Bangkok return, compared with £510 to £650 in economy. Only in the past two years has a conscious effort been made to change the airline's image from that of a "holiday" carrier to one offering a competitive service for business travellers. The number of club class passengers leapt by 50 per cent after Thai increased the number of non-stop flights to Bangkok from one to four a week. In July 1993, it launched a frequent flyer programme, Royal Orchid Plus, which offers points for economy passengers as well as those in club and first class. Typically, between 15 and 20 per cent of passengers in economy are travelling on business. Thai has forged alliances with Lufthansa and United Airlines.

At present, Thai's load factor — freight and passengers combined — is running at about 69 per cent. Club class is generally 65 per cent full, and occupancy in economy is slightly higher at about 70 per cent. Aggressive discounting will be needed if Thai is to hold its own in the coming price war, but there will be some consolations. Tourism is Thailand's biggest earner of hard currency, and the national carrier's ultimate role is to feed as many spenders into the country as possible.

The Thai management aims to continue to woo business travellers and to increase yields, mainly through tailoring prices to match demand. In the meantime, expansion continues. The first of five new Airbus A330-300s for regional routes has just been delivered. Growth is unlikely to stop there: Thai is considering services to Nairobi and Johannesburg — its first to Africa — within three to five years.

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Financial	68.95	73.74†	– 0.38	3.10
500	404.70	454.20	– 2.70	2.57
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Property	247.10	264.30†	.	6.27
Trustee	176.70	182.60†	– 0.40	2.51
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Extra Income	111.10	118.80	– 0.30	4.39
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.44	57.31†	+ 0.04	9.6
Income	501.10	535.90	– 1.10	4.25
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Intl Income	98.19	62.97†	– 0.25	3.73
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.80	119.70	– 0.30	2.71
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Recovery	204.00	421.40	– 2.30	2.83
Smllr Cos Inc	61.62	64.63	– 0.13	1.98
Special Sits	288.70	285.20	– 0.30	1.53
Growth Trusts - Overseas:				
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Asia Acc	241.60	257.00	– 4.10	2.57
Asia Inc	148.60	158.10†	– 2.50	2.57
Euro Gwth Inc	144.60	153.40	– 0.30	0.64
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Japan & Sm Inc	182.60	193.40	– 0.60	.
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Global Growth	139.10	128.10	– 0.40	.
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Smaller Cos	96.84	102.48	– 2.56	1.33
Higher Yield #	42.15	44.60†	– 0.06	4.25
American Gth Inc	69.74	73.80	– 0.62	.
European Growth	131.00	138.60	+ 0.87	0.05
(Accum Units)	133.50	141.30	+ 0.86	0.05
Global Bond Inc #	35.77	36.70†	– 0.05	6.79
Mngd Pnsns Inc	48.54	51.38	– 0.07	1.63
(Accum Units)	41.11	43.49	– 0.09	1.63
Pr Spec Sits	111.68	118.18	– 0.44	0.44
Pacific Gth	124.74	132.00	– 1.22	.
Property LAS				
UK Extended #	71.21	75.38†	– 0.08	3.54
(Accum Units) #	73.47	77.75	– 0.08	3.54
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Cat & Fixed Int #	92.28	94.17†	– 0.06	7.31

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Can Income Bnd	104.30	110.60	.	4.52
(Accum Units)	314.80	333.70	.	4.52
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Americas & Gen	143.30	152.50	.	.
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Growth	401.70	427.40	+ 0.10	2.45
Income & Growth	386.00	410.70	– 2.20	5.07
(Accum Units)	542.20	576.90	– 3.10	4.07
Japan & Gen	75.12	79.76	– 0.34	.
Monks Portfolio	(99.00	£102.00†	– 50.00	2.03
(Accum Units)	£118.73	£122.80	– 13.00	3.03
Special Sits	90.90	96.71†	– 1.73	2.43
High Yield	£12.41	£12.80	– 1.00	4.69

For Capel House see Newton

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American Portfolio	85.27	90.63†	.	1.27

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European Portfolio	91.17	97.21	.	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	66.85	70.94	– 0.41	.
Pacific Portfolio	138.39	146.55†	– 1.29	0.88
UK Inc & Growth	73.03	78.45	.	3.38
Utility & Bond	54.67	55.26	.	6.51

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071 588 1815

Inv Fund	644.05	651.35	.	4.74
Fixd Int Sec	148.35	148.40	.	9.77

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
071 332 5000

UK General Fd	61.10	64.99	– 1.60	3.06

CCF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD
071 588 1815

Inc	606.66	643.24	.	4.74
Accum	1216.89	1277.10	.	9.59
(Accum Units)	185.70	196.17	.	.

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
071 600 7887

Intl Growth	118.48	129.711	.	5.373
Ukn Income	104.35	115.971	.	.

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
071 407 5965

Brettenham Intl	74.27	78.70	.	1.54
Beck Bio-Tech	22.63	25.35†	.	.
Accra Ethical Tst	146.46	154.17	.	1.05
City Fin Assets	85.61	89.86	– 0.61	1.29
City Fin America	81.17	85.44	.	.
City Fin Intl	75.45	79.42	.	0.69
City Fin Japan	170.33	179.29†	.	.
Finsbury Inc Cap	258.21	280.44†	– 3.16	1.56
Finsbury Inc Inc	191.92	204.17	+ 2.68	4.13
Blackley Wild Gdfd	126.51	134.65	.	0.09
Fairmyd Cap Gth	133.26	141.77†	.	.
Fairmyd Intl	146.88	154.61†	.	.
City Fin Pfds Inc	51.38	54.67†	.	4.39

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
071 711 0771 Advice: 0227 227 300

Emerging Markets	54.89	58.24	+ 0.06	.

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

American Gwth	53.65	57.36	+ 0.07	.
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.86	37.30	– 0.09	0.36
Dragon Growth	65.94	70.52	– 0.76	0.41
Equity High Inc	70.49	63.67†	+ 0.23	4.10
(Accum Units)	106.69	112.50†	+ 0.30	4.10
European Gwth	48.46	51.55	– 0.02	0.83
Evergreen	27.48	29.39	– 0.02	.
General Equity	79.67	84.35	– 0.13	2.67
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.55	24.71	– 0.01	8.54
Japan Growth	53.52	56.64	– 0.27	.
Pentlgmr Gwth	47.94	51.00	.	2.75
Pen Sel Cos Inc	25.16	31.04	+ 0.04	1.21
(Accum Units)	30.32	32.25	+ 0.05	1.21
Retirement Inc #	24.92	26.37†	– 0.05	6.02
Special Sits	35.34	38.45	– 0.06	2.05
Uk & Overseas	45.99	48.83	– 0.17	1.29

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
0634 836 000

Capacity	63.45	67.83	– 0.12	2.34
Income	57.31	61.29	.	4.31

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	149.67	159.22	– 0.53	5.83
Fixed & Convertible	38.68	41.15†	+ 0.07	7.44
Monthly Inc Plus	46.98	49.98	+ 0.03	6.96
Preference Share	46.30	49.26†	+ 0.05	7.45
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	119.15	126.75†	– 0.41	7.35
Managed Fund	64.66	68.81	– 0.07	3.06
Us Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.50	39.89	– 1.33	1.70
(Accum Units)	42.50	45.64	– 1.52	1.70
Uk & General	74.56	79.32	– 0.68	2.79
(Accum Units)	93.31	99.27	– 0.87	2.79
Uk Growth	134.23	142.80	– 0.69	2.39
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	182.83	194.50	– 0.04	0.25
Far Eastern Gth	130.47	138.80	– 1.03	.
Global Bond	74.62	79.38	– 0.30	6.39
Japan Growth	194.30	134.40	– 0.70	.
North Amer Gwth	157.36	167.34	+ 0.50	.
Oriental Growth	74.50	79.26	– 0.64	.
Worldwide Growth	82.99	88.37	– 0.86	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT) FUNDS				
Deposit Fund	92.44	92.44	+ 0.04	5.22
Homeowner Fund	73.68	78.38	– 0.22	1.93
Guilfd Fund	123.79	131.69	– 0.05	2.98

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
0438 744 840

Growth Inc	54.82	58.31	– 0.76	3.10
(Accum Units)	59.37	63.15	– 0.81	3.10
High Income	32.07	34.11	– 0.07	4.50
Japan	36.65	38.98	– 0.16	.
Smaller Cos Inc	29.14	30.99	+ 0.04	2.60
Smaller Cos	30.86	32.82	+ 0.04	2.60
North American	31.11	33.09	– 0.03	0.58
European	35.43	37.68	– 0.04	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
071 407 5965

Consistent Ut	29.84	31.99	.	3.38

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 558

Growth	135.10	143.80	– 0.80	2.08
Income	68.41	72.78	– 0.06	5.08
European	58.75	62.51†	+ 0.37	1.17
Recovery	145.80	155.20	.	2.03

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
071 283 9494

Equity Dist	776.20	788.30†	.	3.82

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
0277 680 370

Fellowship Tst	68.33	72.69	+ 0.03	1.35
Income #	225.10	239.40	+ 0.20	4.90
(Accum Units) #	554.70	589.60†	+ 0.60	4.90
Smaller Cos	148.10	157.50	+ 0.40	0.62
(Accum Units)	181.00	192.50	+ 0.50	0.62
Inv Portfolio	75.08	79.87	– 0.03	1.56
High Inc Port #	65.78	69.97	– 0.19	5.10

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
071 410 0177

Euro Small Cos	£14.90	£15.271	.	.
Japan Small Cos	£12.65	£12.89†	.	.
Uk Small Cos	£16.99	£17.74	.	.
US Small Cos	£15.33	£15.67†	.	.

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS

071 377 8819				
Inc	203.20	213.80†	.	2.65

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
031 315 2500

European Growth	259.80	274.50	.	1.02
Far East	203.50	217.30	– 2.50	0.16
Japan Growth	122.70	130.60	– 0.60	.
Asp Smlr Co	501.40	533.00	– 2.40	.
Nth Amer	242.70	257.50	– 1.20	0.92
Global Asset Pac Inc	113.30	120.60	– 0.70	0.38
Ukr Inc & Gnth	201.40	215.10	.	3.69

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
0282 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	132.40	140.90	– 0.10	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	140.90	149.90	– 0.20	4.80
(Accum Units)	180.50	192.00	– 0.30	4.80
UK Prel & Fi Inc	55.40	58.81	.	5.33
Government Depo	79.57	85.07	+ 0.08	1.10

EDINBURGH UNIT MGMT LTD
0345 650 525

American	113.50	120.50	+ 0.10	1.45
Convertibles #	19.92	21.17	+ 0.05	6.61
Equity Income #	119.20	126.60	– 0.20	4.18
Eurofund	43.13	45.81	– 0.20	0.44
Financial	43.46	46.14	– 0.27	1.66
Growth & Inc #	230.10	234.30	– 0.80	3.79
High Det #	164.60	153.60†	– 0.30	4.88
International	373.00	396.30	– 1.80	0.13
Pacific	93.06	99.09†	– 1.05	2.83
Pan American	36.67	38.92	– 0.01	.
Pacific	79.75	84.73	– 0.84	.
Preference Share	21.45	22.79†	– 0.45	7.24
Tokyo	232.60	247.10	– 1.40	.
Uk Smaller Cos	214.40	227.80	– 0.80	1.21

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
071 242 0242

Ely Place Trust	202.11	215.78	+ 1.26	1.04

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
071 373 7261

Endurance Fd	194.40	206.80	.	0.95

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0345 431 380

European	76.04	80.84	– 0.08	1.65
Ethical Tst	43.24	45.53	– 0.29	1.25
Far Eastern	290.61	305.90	– 2.66	1.91
High Income	123.98	130.48	– 0.11	4.97
Intl Growth	116.04	122.15	– 0.34	1.40
North American	103.71	109.17	– 0.52	1.34
Pension	110.97	116.81	– 0.14	3.25
Smaller Cos	66.42	69.90†	– 0.35	2.39
Special Sits	84.04	88.46	+ 0.24	2.67
Pd of Inv Trsts	177.92	187.28	– 0.41	1.55

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
071 407 5965

Smaller Cos Inc	196.58	204.77	+ 0.37	1.43
Smaller Cos Acc	343.96	358.31	+ 0.65	1.42
Recovery	58.37	62.47†	+ 0.22	1.35
Recovery Acc	50.93	53.05†	+ 0.24	1.35

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
0392 412 144

Balanced	106.22	113.00†	– 0.51	5.15
Capital Growth	77.16	82.75	– 0.29	.
Smaller Cos Acc	43.24	46.12	– 0.21	0.63
High Income #	41.54	44.52	– 0.03	10.33
Warrant	53.48	58.13	– 0.13	.
Zero Preference	35.97	38.16†	– 0.06	.

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
(0273 220 797

Family Assets Tst	72.89	77.54	– 0.12	2.58
Family Income Tst	49.57	49.57	– 0.45	6.65
Family Select	80.50	85.64	+0.660	1.16
United Charities	252.10	268.20	+0.400	3.19

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
Customer Private Clients: 0800 414 161

Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	5.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.74	28.34	.	7.95
Intl Bond	27.00	28.63	– 0.05	5.54
Income Funds				
High Income	24.34	25.61†	– 0.08	5.20
Income Plus	106.00	112.60†	.	4.35
Inc & Growth	44.34	46.91	+ 0.01	4.61
European Income	40.30	42.65	– 0.04	1.53
Far East Inc	86.77	64.73	– 0.50	2.16
Global Commodity	21.98	23.45†	– 0.09	3.61
UK Dist Gwth	23.15	24.62	– 0.05	1.30
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	61.32	65.41	+ 0.09	.
American	226.60	240.30	– 3.70	.
Amer Spec Sits	109.80	116.30	– 0.10	.
Asian Smaller Cos	40.77	43.19	– 0.12	.
Eurozone	162.30	172.60	– 0.70	.
European Opps	60.69	64.54	+ 0.13	.
Global Priv	73.46	74.92	– 0.01	1.19
Uk Growth	86.10	90.76	– 0.04	.
Growth & Inc	133.30	141.80†	+ 1.40	2.55
Intl PEP	35.05	37.72	– 0.15	.
Japan Spec Sits	93.61	99.94	– 0.56	.
Japan	199.20	212.40	– 1.00	.
Managed Inv	252.60	269.00	– 1.20	.
Moneybuilder	50.80	54.02	– 0.04	.
Recovery	45.70	48.60	+ 0.21	.
South E Asia	135.80	144.90	– 3.09	.
Special Sits	482.00	515.70	.	.
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	107.67	107.67	+ 0.05	5.20

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
071 814 2700

Balanced #	133.00	136.50	.	1.56
Inc Plstic #	82.17	83.77†	– 0.03	3.86
Cap Plstic	136.40	139.10†	– 0.10	0.75
General Opps	117.60	119.80	.	9.50
Smaller Cos	29.12	29.71†	– 0.04	1.79
Private Portfolio	365.50	394.10	.	1.50

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Enq: 071 454 7434 Dlg: 0277 261 010

Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	107.80	113.50	– 0.40	0.54
Energy Actus	156.60	171.30	– 0.50	.
High Income	39.77	22.06†	– 0.12	10.20
Gross Income	82.66	84.72†	– 0.30	3.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	101.60	108.60†	– 1.40	1.72
UK Income	99.40	106.00	.	4.34
US Smaller Cos	267.40	287.30	+ 2.00	.

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
071 407 5965

High Inc Eqty	46.17	48.56†	– 0.53	3.34
Managed Fund	72.45	77.14	+ 0.04	0.14
-do- Inv Tst Inc	72.15	75.87	– 0.13	4.35
Intl Growth	69.05	71.56	– 0.15	1.29
Investment Trust	86.29	90.74	– 0.15	.
Uk Smaller Cos	75.81	80.71†	– 0.32	1.86

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
071 374 4100

American Growth	52.38	55.94	.	.
(Accum Units)	52.38	55.94	.	.
Amer Smlr Cos	438.70	470

Shares continue to mark time

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
533	380½	Abbey Natl	429½	-1	4.5	14.4
314	233	Allied Irish	288	-2	4.7	10.3
278½	171	Ass Nw Z	212	..	5.8	..
3300	2462½	Bank America	2531¼	-62½		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	207	-4½	3.2	11.7
640	487	Barclays	612	+7½	3.4	15.9
319	246	Bk of Ireland	298	..	4.8	8.6
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2850	-31¼		
285½	203	Close Bros	223	..	4.2	
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£134¼	+43¼	6.1	
1296¾	1056¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1265½	-6¼	0.4	
£344½	£270¼	Deutsche Bk	£289½	-350	2.3	
1315½	787½	Espirito Santo	815½	-15½	4.7	4.1
90	58½	First Nat Fin	58	-½	3.2	
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1405¼	-6¼	0.4	
473	288	Hambros	232	+4	8.1	14.2
1113	660	HSBC	882	-14½	4.4	10.0
1132	664	HSBC HK	878	-16	4.5	9.8
443	400	Joseph (L)	400	..	5.4	11.9
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	551	-2	4.4	9.7
660	519	Lloyds	583	+10½	5.1	11.1
826½	472	Nat Aust Bk	524	..	7.0	
622	421	Nat West	511	-3	4.7	10.0
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150	..	6.8	
79	53	Rea Bros	65	..	1.8	18.2
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scott	390	-3½	4.4	9.4
1574	1050	Schroders	1458	-7	1.6	13.4
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1324	+1	1.7	12.1
114	75	Singer & Fried	88	..	4.8	11.1
359¼	223	Stand Chart	277	-3½	2.9	9.5
291	197	TSB	235½	+1	4.3	11.9
1012	569	Warburg SG	691	..	4.0	12.7
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9287½	-50	2.9	
280	184	Westpac	214¼	-¼	2.5	
390	283	Winbost	213	..	6.0	14.2

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	171	+6		
619	485	Bass	516	+1½	5.1	13.6
298	248	Boddingtons	255	..	4.1	13.7
198	168	Burtonwd Brwy	176	..	3.6	14.7
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	155	+1½	3.3	
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	59	..	5.0	
493	343	Fuller Sm 'A'	344	..	2.9	14.2
511	398	Greenalls Grp	422	-½	3.8	20.9
584	424	Greene King	525	+1	3.1	14.6
265	238	Hardy Hanson	256	+4	4.7	
170	135	Heavitree	150	..	3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Hall J	3400	+12	1.8	18.7
246	195	Mansfield	239	+1	2.4	14.6
314	256	Merston Thompson	309	..	2.5	14.7
545	455	Morland	465	..	2.9	14.0
10¾	6½	Pacamond	7	..	3.6	
322	288	Regent Inns	322	+13	2.1	24.7
1665½	1000	SA Breweries	1512½	-40½	1.9	23.4
591	477	Scot & Newcastle	507	-1½	4.3	14.5
306	215	Vaux Group	218	..	5.7	13.7
453	324½	Wetherspoon JD	453	+5	1.8	24.9
617	494	Whitbread	565½	+½	4.2	15.4
589	483	Wolverhmptn Dt	522	+1	3.3	13.8
194	148	Yates Bros	190	+3	2.5	15.0
535	465	Young 'A'	465	..	4.0	19.7

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	105	ABI Leist	105	..	4.8	
300	248	Acatt	300	..	2.9	16.2
590	253	Adam & Harvey	590	+5	3.3	7.4
37	21	Alexanders	21	..	3.0	19.5
175	113	Appleyard	113	..	6.4	18.0
8	2½	Ass Br Eng	4½	+¼	1.3	82.1
378	495	BSS Group	518	..	4.4	18.3
25½	17	Barlow Powers	23	+½	5.4	
405	249	Beckley Mb	255	..	5.7	10.5
40	38	Bogod 'A'	38	..	3.1	9.8
370	288	Brammer	350	..	4.6	19.4
31	15½	Brigend Grp	15	..	1.6	
99	78	Brit Fittings	88	+1	3.2	
71	40	Brown & Tawse	40			
57	35	Bunzlere	37	..	8.7	
495	245	Cattywest	288	..	6.4	18.1
59	24½	Cashel Pict	26½	+½	5.2	14.7
130	84	Central Mtr	88	..	5.0	21.6
61	32½	Cook (DC)	42	..	3.4	12.9
342½	197½	CowieA	228	..	5.0	11.2
192½	127	Dag Motors	138	..	2.8	15.9
663	448	Dalmeric El	583	..	1.4	16.6
628	414½	Diploma	422	-1	4.0	
569	443	Electrocomponents	473	..	2.7	19.4
175	138	Electron House	158	..	2.5	16.3
263	225	Ellis & Everard	260	..	3.7	19.2
234	201	Evodeflert	205	..	5.2	16.9
173	108	European Mtr	109	-1	5.2	11.8
539¼	395	Evans Halshaw	400	..	4.4	12.6
656	490½	Farnell Elect	514	..	1.9	21.1
78	50	File Indmar	60	..	5.7	8.8
34	16	Gardiner	16	..	5.9	7.6
46	19	Glenchewton	23½	..		25.9
90	80	Gowrings	73	..	3.4	22.2
78	59	Halldn Hldgs	71	..		55.4
161	122	Harris (Philip)	154	+6	5.6	13.5
342½	266¼	Heywood	369	-3	3.5	14.4
191	88	Holders Tech	92	..	8.2	10.0
138	110	ISA Intl	110	..	1.9	13.7
609	395	Inchcape	427	-1	4.4	14.2
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	55	..		13.0
184	145	Kwik-Fit	167	+½	3.0	19.2
573	291	Lex Service	300	..	5.6	11.5
282	182	Lookers	183	..	4.5	12.0
28	14	Malaga Grp	15	..	2.1	
9	3½	Middlesex	8	-½		
446	278	Norbain	430	..	0.7	20.6
100	47	Northamber	91	..	1.8	38.6
175	152	PCT	152	..	6.1	14.7
310	232	Pendragon	252	-1	3.7	16.6
238	161	Perry Gp	161	..	5.4	8.8
218	131	Quicks Group	131	..	5.0	13.8
186	97	REA	165	+1	4.5	34.1
5¾	2½	Reece	2½			
24	4	Ross Gp	6	..	4.2	
42	32½	SEP Indl	39	-½	3.4	
44	31	TLS Range	41	+½	3.0	16.5
265	215	Time Products	232	..	4.7	15.6
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	152	+1	3.8	14.4
335	245	Wholesale Ftgs	245	..	6.0	
30½	13½	Wills Gp	17½	+½	3.6	9.8
74½	39½	Wishcart	73	-1½	1.1	24.6
69	40	Wyko	61	+1	1.0	
96	61	Young (H)	68	..	6.6	

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MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbot Mead	337	..	2.2	20.7
355	198	Adscene	308	..	2.7	21.5
33	17½	Aegis Gp	29	-½		
11½	5½	Allied Radio	5¾			
26	13	BBB Design	13	..		6.7
235	155	Barbour Index	156	..	6.8	13.5
13½	5½	Brindale	6			
345	320	Black (A&C)	320	..	5.3	11.6
402	213	Blenheim Gp	249	..	5.4	9.0
205	133	Boxer IY	198	-1	2.2	16.4
413	365	Bristoft	368	..	4.2	37.4
259	255	B Sky B	256½	..		48.3

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	79	..	6.6	6.5
129	96	Baltic Plc	129	..	1.8	8.2
185	78	Berry Bch Ntl	78	..	8.2	11.8
215	152	Biotec Inv	154	-1		
154	108	Brewin Dolphin	114	..	6.4	6.4

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	50½	ASDA Group	68	+½	3.4	15.5
315	222½	Argyll	266	-2	5.5	11.3
505	413	Bake Bros	456	..	2.0	16.4
43	24	Budgen	25	..	5.0	15.9
17	11½	Cullens	13½			
137	65¼	Dairy Farm Intl	66½	-2½	5.5	9.0
394	344	Fareplan	355	+1	2.3	20.2
60	37	Fitzwilton	40	..	11.3	
108	87	Fyffes	99	..	1.8	16.9
371	165	Geest	176	..	5.8	
1878	653	Greggs	1078	..	2.2	20.2
403	325	Greencore	402	+6	3.2	
211	133	Iceland Group	152	+1	3.2	9.4
656	533	Kwik Save	552	+2	4.4	10.0
18	9	Merchant Retail	12	+1		
149	99	Morrison (W)	141	-1	0.9	16.5
232	161	Nurdin Peack	163	..	5.1	9.0
146	88½	Park Foods	123	..	2.4	24.9
5¼	1½	Regina Hlth	1½			
480	342	Sainsbury Jt	412	+¼	3.5	14.6
255	200½	Tesco	247	-2	4.0	12.4
198	162	Thorntons	172	..	3.6	14.1
432	279	Watson & Philip	366	+3	5.8	14.8

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
693	528	Allied Domecq	536	-4	5.3	14.5
458	358	Belmer (HP)	392	+2	3.5	22.6
140	105	Burn Stewart	117	..	5.3	25.7
506	374	Grand Met	406	-1	4.4	18.6
542	421	Guinness	449	-1	3.8	14.8
457	353	Highland Distl	443	..	2.0	20.2
232	127	MacAllan-Glen	211	..	0.7	55.3
710	365	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	685	..	1.8	29.9
614	515	Matthew Clark	537	+2	4.2	12.6
250	65	Mitydean Wt	65	-2	4.8	
190	142	Taunton Cider	190	+1½	5.6	11.6

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	379½	+1	5.6	13.4
543	352	Cable Wireless	376	..	2.6	15.4
178	108	Filtronic Com	174	+4	0.5	58.5
1543	1146	Securicor	1538	..	0.2	38.1
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	1000	-3	0.4	24.8
892	606	Security Serv	820	-2	0.9	26.0
221	157½	Vodafone	208	-4	1.8	26.9

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	63	..	6.9	12.0
777½	619½	All Nippon Air	702	-3½	0.3	
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	271	-1	2.3	21.6
541½	440	BAA	489½	-3½	3.5	18.3
138	103½	Bannerlane	136	..	3.8	
496½	344	Br Airways	363	+6	3.9	9.5
79	27	Central Tran R	31	-1		
108	75	Clarkson (H)	94	..	2.3	23.6
179	140	Dart	151	..	3.2	14.6
592½	195	Eurotunnel Uts	297	+13		
87	50	Fisher (James)	50			
500	405	Forth Ports	480	..	2.1	21.5
238	156	GRT Bust	230	..	3.1	17.8
168	112	Go Ahead	168	..	3.0	20.9
209	125	Goode Durrant	199	..	3.8	15.6
155	126½	IoM Steam	134	..	4.1	18.2
71	39	Jacobs (J)	97	..	3.1	
111	74	Lon & Cont Frst	74	-1	6.5	7.7
534	368	Mersey Docks	398	..	3.0	19.3
391	145	NFC	172	-1	5.2	42.5
347	245	Natl Express	291	..	3.3	16.8
348	244	Ocean Group	280	-1	6.4	14.1
91	58	Ocean Wilsons	68	..	5.9	9.8
743	587	P & O Dfd	610	..	6.2	18.9
209	153	P & O 5.5%	171	..	4.0	
102	84	Seacon	92	..	3.2	20.9
232	158	Stagecoach	227	+2	2.4	22.4
131	85½	TNT	110			
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	710	..	2.6	18.2
327	197	TDG	209	..	5.7	14.0
136	98	Uglandt	127	..	2.4	
160	75	Utd Carriers	95	..	2.1	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	510	-2½	5.8	11.5
365	293	Mid Kent Hldgs	298	..	4.9	10.1
611	454	North West	539	-3	5.5	7.7
761	508	Northumbrian	750	+8	4.3	8.1
645	457	Severn Trent	529	-1	5.5	7.4
1860	1525	South Staffs	1860	-5	3.7	11.2
675	459	South West	508	-1	6.4	7.5
682	485	Southern	569	-1½	5.2	8.2
611	434½	Thames	487½	+3½	6.0	7.3
744	546	Welsh	650	-10	5.0	7.2
379½	261	Wessex	294	-½	5.2	7.8
630	458	Yorkshire	526	+3	5.6	7.7

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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** looks forward to this year's centenary — and back on a unique creative opportunity lost

100 years of the greatest show on earth

The flagpoles are being erected. The cake is rising in the oven. The Queen may be wording a birthday telegram. For 1995 is the year of cinema's centenary. A hundred years ago, the public first began paying to see the Lumière brothers' images of workers on bicycles, a baby eating, a train puffing into a station platform, and other early wonders of this most astonishing, seductive medium.

Historians quibble about the starting point. On December 28, 1895, Parisians gathered for the first public Lumière show at the Grand Café, Boulevard des Capucines. However, kinetoscope parlours, where films were glimpsed in slot machines, had opened the previous year in Paris, New York and London, and in 1893 Edison's employees had been filmed as blacksmiths, bashing an anvil, swigging beer: a snatch of celluloid that might be the world's first publicly exhibited movie.

No matter where you start the clock, a century of cinema has more or less gone by, stretching from *Fred Ott's Sneeze* (an Edison employee sneezing at the camera) to *Schindler's List* and beyond. The centenary's emphasis will be primarily on celebration: Britain's official centenary body, Cinema 100 (which begins business, perversely, in 1996), has the not-so-hidden agenda of putting more bums on cinema seats. Before the rhetoric soars too high, therefore, it might be useful to survey the medium's progress from a wider, less rose-tinted perspective.

One hundred years ago Lumière's cameras caught carefully framed, moving pictures of the world around them, while Edison's employees acted out charades for the camera, sneezing on cue. In *Vanya on 42nd Street*, released in London last Friday, for all the huge leaps in technology, the bare essentials remain unchanged. The first shots capture Manhattan's crowded sidewalks as the cast converge for their rehearsal of *Uncle Vanya*. Then the actors' charade takes over: impersonating Russian landowners and aristocrats, they pursue a plot that keeps step with reality, with a beginning, a middle and an end.

After a century, cinema remains overwhelmingly representational, conveying settings and situations that maintain a realistic surface however much they spring from fantasy. Films such as *Un Chien andalou*, the 1928 Surrealist shocker of Salvador Dali and Luis Buñuel, are blips on the screen, brief incursions into dreams, abstract patterns and private visions. No matter that the tools for creating brave new film worlds are easily at hand. The "morphing" techniques of *Terminator 2* or the high-tech robots of the *Robocop* films have been developed with one end: to make what the viewer sees look as ordinary and lifelike as Fred Ott sneezing.

There is every economic reason for a film to appear as a slice of life, however fancily cut, and the aesthetic rewards of placing a mirror up to the world are considerable. But there is nothing inherent in the cinema medium that demands it keep to the representational narratives packaged by mainstream film-makers worldwide.

Consider. The basis of film is a strip of celluloid, divided into frames in which some kind of image is trapped. The image is released into public view by moving the strip at a steady speed, shining a light on to each frame and bouncing its reflection off a screen. The public's eyes then interpret each frame as part of a continuous sequence. Hey presto! A moving picture.

But a picture of what? Normally, it is something photographed by a camera. Yet scratches or brushstrokes applied directly to the celluloid can also supply an effective image. The experimental film-maker Stan Brakhage created one work, *Mothlight*, from the shapes of moth wings and fragments of plants. Such experimental flights never appear at your local multiplex. But they are part of what cinema can do.

Even with the photographic image, there is so much more that can be achieved. In theory the film-maker faces unmapped artistic possibilities with cinema's key ingredients of form, colour, space, time, movement and sound. In practice he uses his art to get Arnold Schwarzenegger pregnant in *Junior*.

Few forms of art and entertainment display so many signs of arrested development as cinema. Great accomplishments have been made, dramatic masterpieces that pierce the heart, sublime comedies and musicals, incisive studies of human folly: *Tokyo Story*, *It's a Gift*, *Citizen Kane*, the films of Renoir, Griffith, Keaton, Fred Astaire. But so much potential remains squashed by cinema's insistence on a limited, realist aesthetic. It is as if painting had stopped dead before Picasso; as if music was still centred on Brahms, and Pinero's *The Second Mrs Tanqueray* remained the pinnacle of modern drama.

There are solid reasons for the restricted path cinema has taken. The parents of cinema were inventors, more interested in their machines than in the films that wound through the projectors. Once audiences showed their willingness to pay to see moving pictures, businessmen nurtured the baby and made it dance to public taste, using stage melodramas, weepie novels and comic strips as guides. Only by making films of wide appeal could cinema develop the institutional base that has made it such a global force: an industry that created nothing but *Un Chien andalou VI* would soon crumple.

Yet for the first three decades, young, thrusting cinema matured through artistic experiment. Georges Méliès developed a battery of magic tricks in *A Voyage to the Moon* and other fantasies. D.W. Griffith consolidated the editing devices that form the film grammar we all now take for granted.

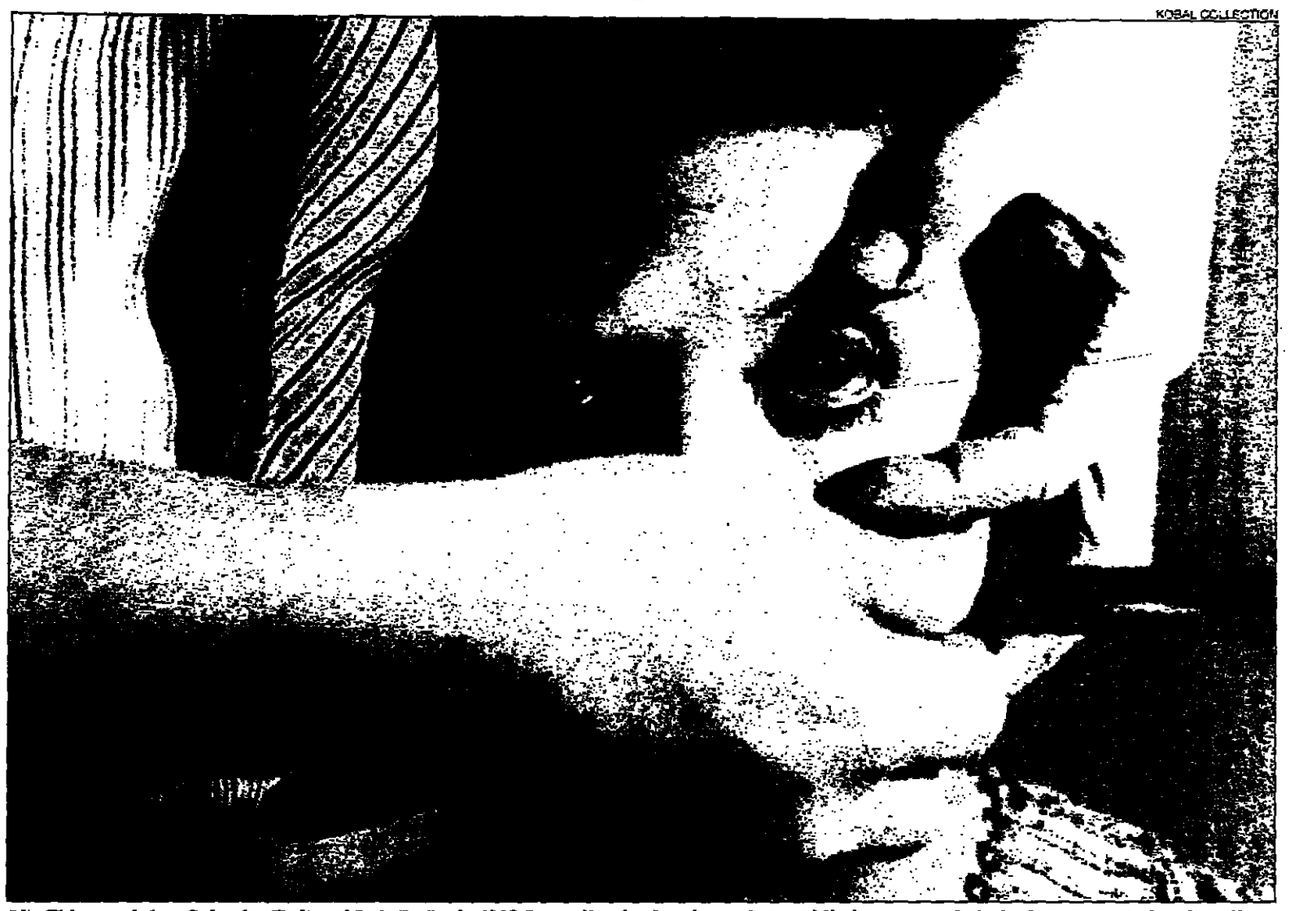
By its late teens, artists from other spheres sniffed the medium's possibilities, from the Expressionist agony of Germany's *Cabinet of Dr Caligari* to Charlie Chaplin's pantomime. The advance guard of painters and photographers began working directly with film, like Paul Strand, Hans Richter and Viking Eggeling; while cultural observers began to wax lyrical, especially in France. Art historian Elie Faure burbled excitedly about "cineplastics" and "new symphonic forms"; and Abel Gance, the director of *Napoleon*, looked forward to films made by Shakespeare, Rembrandt, or at least their equivalents.

No one makes such statements now. Movies, predominantly, mean box-office grosses, not cineplastic poems or symphonic uplift. Industry forces have taken over; the young medium has grown old.

The Thirties was the key decade of transition. Independent film-making, on the lines of *Un Chien andalou*, shrank away: through economic pressures or acknowledgment of the Depression's needs, film artists became absorbed into the mainstream, or sank into silence. The Thirties saw the Hollywood machine purring beautifully, creating enduring movie stars, making films that still glitter and entertain like no others. But as the years went by, each technological leap prompted a smaller artistic response.

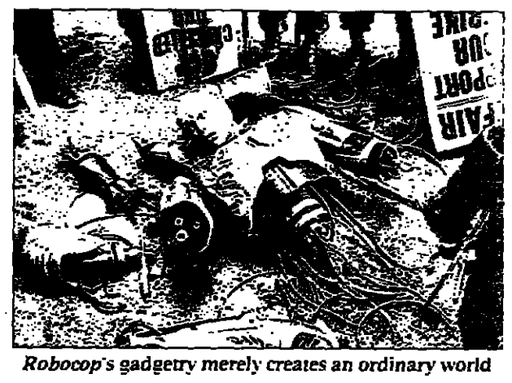
When sound became widespread in 1929, some films pounced on the imaginative possibilities: too many used spoken dialogue to flatten out cinema's visual dimension. A decade later, when colour became a familiar feature, the screen shook with loud hues, but it took an exceptional director and cameraman to explore the full dramatic impact of a rainbow palette. The widescreen films of the Fifties, promoted to ward off the little television monster, met the most tepid response of all. "Only good for snakes or funerals," growled Fritz Lang; most directors could offer only heads with spaces in between.

No entertainment medium this century has grown so afraid of experiment as cinema. But cinema is never stagnant. New life surges here and there, in different countries, at different times. European film-makers gave mainstream cinema a kick in the pants during the Sixties. Now we need another, to halt the rise of monolithic films more concerned with targeting a market than expressing the public's hopes and fears in an entertaining, intelligent form. I look forward to the next 100 years of cinema with excitement, but some trepidation.



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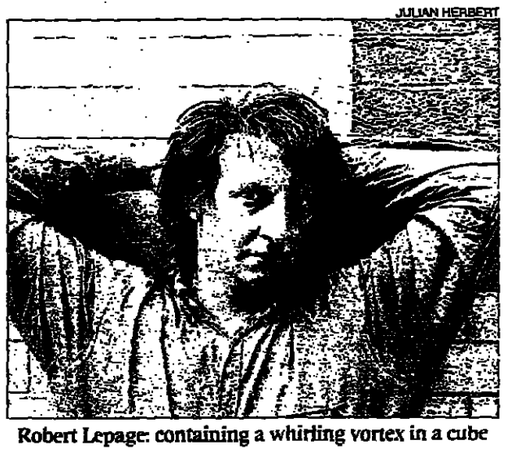
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JULIAN HERBERT

Robert Lepage: containing a whirling vortex in a cube

The hottest ticket in Stockholm this winter occupies the city's smallest space: the little Mälarsalen of the Royal Theatre (a diminutive version of the Barbican Pit) is host to Robert Lepage's mesmeric and compassionate new production of Strindberg's *A Dream Play*.

In recent years, the most compelling productions of Strindberg's own "most beloved" yet problematic play have been those which have cut it down to size. Scene changes have been reduced to a single darkness, more than 40 roles taken by a handful of players and, in Ingmar Bergman's famous adaptation, the text itself severely pruned.

Lepage has found a way of containing Strindberg's entire whirling vortex of time and place, movement and colour, confidently and without embarrassment, using 18 actors and a single cube.

The open cube, barely 20 metres in depth, and suspended in the stage's black void, rotates on its axis so that door becomes window becomes trapdoor. And the tiny enclosed space is constantly dematerialised and transformed by a projectionist into sky, living room, cave, seaside, furnace — every dissolving dreamscape of Strindberg's imagination.

It is excitingly hazardous for the actors — and, vicariously, for the audience. And it brings to strange and thrilling life Strindberg's own obsession with lantern slides, and his ideas on the kaleidoscopic effects of chance in artistic creation.

Indra's Daughter, played with both bold authority and vulnerability by Fransesca Quartey, makes a slow, tumbling descent through a shifting cloudscape. As she takes her farewell of Gerhard Hoberstorfer's young, gaunt Poet, the cube revolves dizzily and form is metamorphosed into light as flames circle, unfurl and reshape into a perfect final lotus flower. The sounds of dripping water, crackling fire — and the music of Arvo Pärt and Górecki — fuse imperceptibly with the visual image.

The action steps outside this single/multiple, solid/dissolving set, designed by Jan Lundberg and Lepage himself, for only one fleeting moment. There was a sudden intake of breath from an audience still emotionally raw from the wreck of the *Estonia*, as the main dark space became flooded, a tiny twinkling steamship sailed past, and a single lifebuoy, together with Strindberg's driftwood flotsam of Justice, Peace and Hope, floated by.

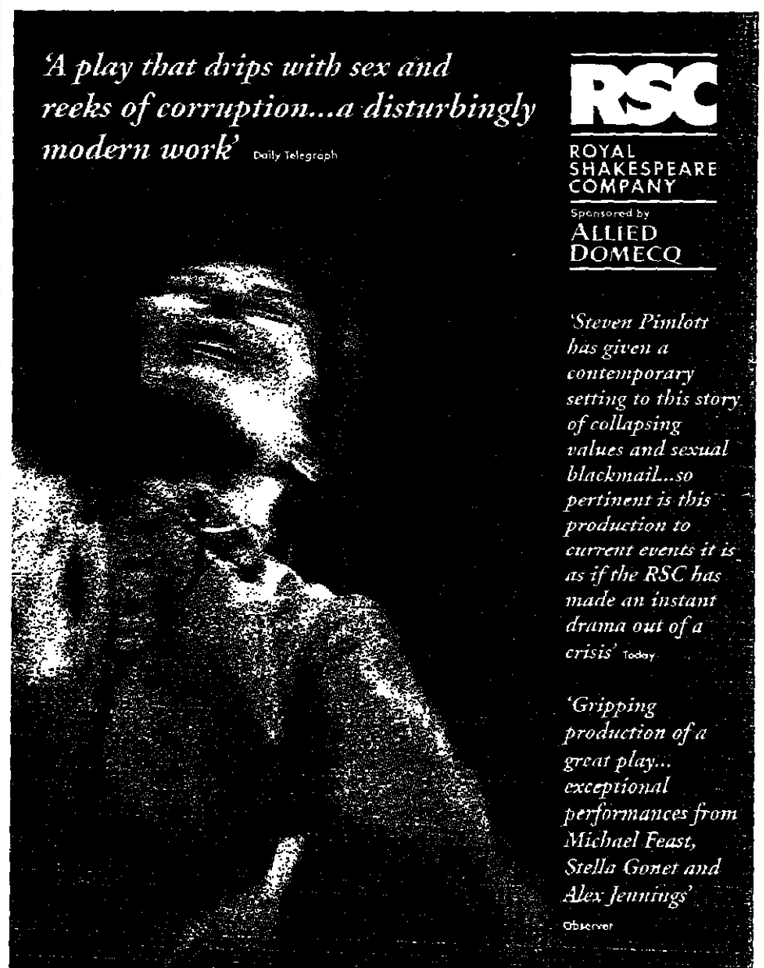
The production, like the play, is not all dark. The classroom scene is sharp, fast and really funny; the final farcical interviews with the Deans of Theology, Philosophy, Medicine and Law are conducted at a rip-roaring pace by an Oprah Winfrey figure, played with panache by Basia Frydman.

As they all squeeze through the clover-leaf keyhole, the cube revolves in a final frenzied action replay of all the production's magic-lantern scenes, in a spinning kaleidoscope.

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Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight and Friday, 7.30pm 🅂

SONG RECITAL: Counter-tenor **Derek Lee Ragin** sings songs from *Orpheus Britannicus* by Purcell, arias by Handel, various works by Mendelssohn as well as hermit songs and negro spirituals by Barber. Derek Lee Ragin made a highly acclaimed debut at the Salzburg Festival in 1990. Since this event he has given recitals around the world and performed at the BBC Proms.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 *(071-935 2141). Tonight, 8.00pm* 🅂

TO THE LIGHTHOUSE. After its successful national tour, Empty Space begins an eight-week London season with a staging of Virginia Woolf's novel, adapted by Julia Limer. After four weeks at Hammersmith the production moves to the Warehouse, Croydon.
Lyric Studio, King St, W6 (081-741 2311). Preview tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Mon to Sat 8pm. Mats Thurs (Jan 19) and Wed (Jan 25) *1.30pm, Sats 4pm. Till Jan 28*

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH. The **National Youth Orchestra of Scotland** presents its New Year concerts. The programme includes Strauss's Don Juan, Dvořák's Scherzo Capriccioso, Elgar's *Sea Pictures* and Brahms's Symphony No 1. Bramwell Tovey conducts with solo mezzo-soprano Jane Irwin.
Usher Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031-228 1155). Tonight, 7.30pm. 🅂

BATH: For the 23rd consecutive panto in which Lionel Blair has both starred and directed, **Jack and the Beanstalk**, he is joined by Britt Ekland as the fairy. Also with Michael Elphick as the evil Demon Fleshcreep, wacky children's favourite *Steve Johnson as* Simple Simon and "one of the country's most talented dames", David Morton, *as Dame Trot*
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 448844). Tonight, 7.00pm, mat. 2.00pm. Until Jan 28 🅂

MANCHESTER. Kent Nagano conducts the **Hallé Orchestra** this evening with *principal clarinet of the Opéra de Lyon orchestra, Jean-Michel* Bertelli as the soloist. Bertelli plays the jazz-influenced Clarinet Concerto by *Copland first performed by Benny* Goodman, in 1950. Also by Copland, the vibrant music for his ballet *Appalachian Spring*, based around American folk-music, with a colourful Shaker melody as the work's *centrepiece. Also on offer,* Dvořák's Symphony No 9 "From the New World".
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□ **ATSWIM-TWO-BIRDS**: Ridiculusmus stage *the unstageable*: Flann O'Brien's boisterous novel dealing, in part, with a Dublin student's attempt to combine study with drinking, but also parodying a wealth of Irish literary conventions.
BAC Studio Two, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue to Sat 8.30pm, Sun 6.30pm. Till Jan 22.

■ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**. John Mortimer's adaptation, Ian Judge's direction and Clive Francis's Scrooge make this a cosy evening, well removed from the moral fervour of Dickens.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm 🅂

□ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE**: Nigel Hawthorne amusing as the dilapidated Lord Ogleby but his direction prettifies and diminishes the play. Some clever supporting performances.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

□ **FASCINATING AIDA**: The girls are back with an evening of glamour, quick wits and sharp tongues.
Garrick, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm

□ **HAMLET** Peter Hall directs Stephen Dillane's darkly humorous, self-delesting Prince, backed by excellent playing from Michael Pennington, Donald Sinden and Alan Dobie.
Gielgud Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm 🅂

◪ **LEAVE TAKING**: Touring production of Winsome Pinnock's 1987 play comes here for 16 performances. *A West Indian woman and her adored* daughters consult an obeah woman to cleanse their obsession with the past.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Opens tonight, 7pm, until Jan 14. 🅂

□ ***MY NIGHT WITH REG*** John Sessions and David Bamber in Kevin Elyot's excellent, award-winning *comedy with a dark edge.* Six gay men caught up in a web of deception.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Tue, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, Wed, 6.30pm and 9.15pm; mat Sat, 4pm. 🅂

■ **OLIVER!** Lavish revival of Bart's merry musical. Low on social comment, big on tunes. Jonathan Pryce as Fagin.
Palladium, Argyll St, W1 (071-494 5020). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm 🅂

□ ***THE RIVALS.*** Richard Cottrell's likeable production with Patricia Routledge's splendidly wild Mrs *Malaprop*
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. Until Jan 14

■ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA.** Tom Hollander sings Macheath in Kurt Weill's opera. *Words by the team of writers* customarily known as "Bertolt Brecht". Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 🅂

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

VANYA ON 42ND STREET (U). Absorbing film of Andre Gregory's treatment of *"Uncle Vanya"*, caught in rehearsal by Louis Malle's cameras at a decrepit New York theatre. Wallace Shawn, Julianne Moore, Brooke Smith and George Gaynes head the fine cast.
Curzon Mayfair (071-369 1720)

CURRENT

THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT (15): Two *drag queens and a transsexual get* stuck in the Australian outback. Joyful and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp *and Hugo Weaving, director, Stephan* Elliott.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** 🅂 (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

CRONOS (18): An alchemist's device offers eternal youth and a taste for blood. Imaginative Mexican vampire film from promising director Guillermo del Toro.
Gate 🅂 (071-727 4043) **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ ***D2: THE MIGHTY DUCKS*** (U). Stale adventures of America's ice hockey team in the Junior Goodwill Games. With Emilio Estevez. Director, Sam Weisman.
Odeons: Kensington (0426-914 666) **Mezzanine** (0426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426-914 098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner West End** (071-437 4343)

DEAR DIARY (15): This is a delightful, freewheeling film journal from the talented Italian actor-director Nanni Moretti.
Curzon West (071-369 1722) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (071-727 6705) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

GERONIMO (12): Strangely dull account of the Apache warrior's capture from director Walter Hill. With Jason Patric, Gene Hackman, Robert Duvall and Wes Studi.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ ***JUNIOR*** (PG): Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman.
Empire 🅂 (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl.
Electric 🅂 (071-792 2020) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

MINA TANNENBAUM (12): Romane Bohringer and Elsa Zylberstein enliven an uneven story of two Jewish friends in Paris. Writer-director, Martine Dugowson.
Minema (071-235 4225)

◆ **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** (U): John Hughes's gooey but just about digestible remake of the 1947 fantasy, with Richard Attenborough as a department store Santa.
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◆ **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS** (PG). The King of Hallowe'en tries to take over Christmas. Technically brilliant puppet fantasy *conceived by Tim Burton, directed by* Henry Selick.
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◆ **PRINCESS CARABOO** (PG). Airy, amusing historical diversion, with *Phoebe Cates as the mysterious girl* believed to be a Far Eastern princess. With Jim Broadbent, John Lithgow, Stephen Rea, Wendy Hughes. Director, Michael Austin.
MGM Trocadero 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

◆ ***THE SPECIALIST*** (15). Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. *This film is an empty concoction that* wastes its stars. With James Woods, Eric Roberts, Rod Steiger. Director, Luis Llosa.
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THREE COLOURS: RED (15): Kieślowski's compelling film about criss-crossing lives; a majestic climax to his trilogy. With Irene Jacob and Jean-Louis Trintignant.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

Changing the world by degrees

Memorabilia spanning the 800-year history of Cambridge University go on show tomorrow, to help finance the future. Alison Beckett reports

The Canterbury Gospels, among the most valued documents of English Christianity yet seen in public only at the *enthronement of a new archbishop*, are about to go on view in London. But their appearance at Christie's (from tomorrow) does not mean that Dr George Carey is quitting. Nor does it herald the auction of *this exquisitely il*luminated treasure. The manuscript is the star of an extraordinary *exhibition* illustrating the influence of Cambridge University over the rest of the world during the past 800 years.

> We do not want it to be just a heritage exhibition

The exhibition, called "Foundations for the Future", is part of a fund-raising campaign in which the university aims to raise £250 *million by the year 2000 and* counter any government spending cuts that might weaken its influence, exercised over eight centuries through students such as Sir Isaac Newton, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, John Maynard Keynes and Jawaharlal Nehru. The *university* boasts 67 Nobel Prize winners, Harvard as an offshoot, the oldest known printing and publishing house and, among its discoveries, the splitting of the atom and the identification of DNA as the *secret of life.*

Its triumphs are being depicted en masse in an eclectic assortment of 300 items, ranging from the Gospels to a lock of Newton's hair, all on loan from the university's various *colleges and collections.* The Gospels, a closely guarded *possession of Corpus Christi,* relate to the early history of the university.

Cambridge was founded at the beginning of the 13th century by masters defecting from Oxford who were eventu*ally given protection and pa*tronage by the Bishop of Ely. Corpus Christi, established by two local guilds, was one of the first colleges and in the 15th century a master there acquired the Gospels from the Abbey of St Augustine at Canterbury.

Written in Italy, they are believed to have been given by Pope Gregory to Saint Augustine in AD 597 to aid his mission to introduce Christianity to the English.

Newton's hair is among the memorabilia being used to help outsiders to grasp the overwhelming scientific achievements of the university, along with a David Hockney portrait *of Stephen Haw*king, the author of the bestselling *A Brief History of Time*, and currently a professor at Cambridge. A box of insect specimens collected by Charles Darwin as an undergraduate and a letter from his father listing objections to his son going on the voyage that sparked his revolutionary theory of evolution likewise bring the Christ's *College theology student* into a more human perspective.

"We don't want it to be just a heritage exhibition," says Lord St John of Fawsley, the former Arts Minister and now Master of Emmanuel College, chairman of the Royal Fine Arts Commission and a main driv*ing force behind the show.* However, the scope is so vast that some former alumni appear favoured to the detriment of others. Few women make the grade at all, although several were among the university's earliest benefactors, including Lady Elizabeth de Clare 650 years ago.

In the literary section Tennyson is the focus when it might as easily have been Edmund Spenser, Christopher Marlowe, William Wordsworth or Lord Byron, *who was notorious for vexing* college authorities by starting residence at the beginning of his second year at Trinity accompanied by his pet bear.

Another former Trinity undergraduate Anthony Blunt — later an art historian, and later *still exposed as a traitor* — also gets no mention, although Keynes, a fellow member of the secret Apostles Society — responsible for the monetary policies of many nations — appears as a key figure in the show, portrayed by his Bloomsbury Group friends *Duncan Grant and* Vanessa Bell. So does an earlier Apostle, Ludwig Wittgenstein.

The idea of holding the exhibition came from Christie's chairman, Sir Anthony Tennant, once of Trinity and a trustee of the Cambridge *Foundation, the body behind* the appeal to help the university's future development. Sir David Williams, the Vice-Chancellor, stipulated that the display should show how the university has helped to create the modern world, linking previous intellectual achievements with work now being done at Cambridge and with the challenges ahead, such as the contemporary research into brain repair.

The medical section homes in on this after featuring the Elizabethan physician *William Harvey, who* discovered the way that blood circulates. His name is less well known than many on parade, but his memorabilia include a petrified skull. A timely reminder, perhaps, that not even an 800-*year-old university is guaranteed* life eternal.

● *Foundations for the Future is at Christie's, King St, SW1 (071-839 9060), from tomorrow to Jan 25*



Reputed to date from the 6th century, the rarely seen Canterbury Gospels have been loaned by Corpus Christi College, their home for 600 years, for the Christie's show

RECITAL: The vocal music of Britain's senior composer is celebrated on his 90th birthday

English links forged across three centuries

Tippett Tribute
Wigmore Hall

BY A happy chance, the 90th birthday *year of Sir Michael Tippett* coincides with the tercentenary of Purcell's death. It was therefore possible for the two composers to be celebrated jointly at the Wigmore Hall on Monday night (the day of Tippett's birthday) in an aptly chosen programme given by the *tenor Martyn Hill, pianist Andrew* Ball and guitarist Craig Ogden.

Tippett's discovery of Purcell was made in dramatic circumstances. In 1940 Morley College, where he was director of music, was hit by a bomb. Scattered among the debris were some *volumes of the Purcell Society Edition,* which Tippett studied and familiarised himself with. Purcell's florid, expressive word-setting was soon reflected in Tippett's work, as were his "false relations" (archaic discords characteristic of 16th and 17th-century English music), which in Tippett's 20th-century consciousness became fused with the blue notes of jazz singers and spirituals.

An early product of this discovery *was the cantata Boyhood's End* (1943), a curious setting of paragraphs from the autobiography of the naturalist W.H. Hudson. What touched Tippett was the sense of the approach of the end of boyhood, when Hudson feared he might be losing "his special gift of awareness of wild animals and plants". In musical terms, much of the eloquence of the piece derives from Tippett's expressive use of melisma (on words like "float o'er my tomb" or "dance in the sepulchre"), and Hill's sensitive performance was particularly alive to the potential of such evocative passages.

Interwoven with the original vocal pieces by Tippett (which also included the *Songs for Ariel* and the *Songs for Achilles*) were a number of his Purcell arrangements: the well-known "Music for a While" and "If Music be the Food of Love", but also four other airs or short cantatas. *Hill* sang them all with a flexible line of melting expressivity, *allowing it to dissolve at* "my heart will break" in "The Fatal Hour Comes on", and to shudder graphically at "first trembling made me freeze" (the stunned reaction to a lover's kiss).

Andrew Ball gave an assured performance of the Piano Sonata No 2, and Craig Ogden of "*The Blue Guitar*". But it was Hill (accompanied ably by Ball) who brought the concert to a moving close with a wonderfully sympathetic account of the song cycle *The Heart's Assurance*, as poignant a fusion of text and music as Tippett ever achieved.

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From vampire movies to medieval music festivals: *Times* critics select the hottest tickets of the new season

Cream of the spring collection

THE first star of the new year's exhibitions is **Poussin**. He has always enjoyed a special place in British affections. Many of the key paintings in the Royal Academy's grand retrospective (Jan 19-April 9) come from museums and private collections in this country. But less familiar masterpieces from Dresden, St Petersburg and America will give a far more rounded view of Poussin's overall achievement.

A Frenchman who preferred to live in Rome, Poussin became a hero of the 17th-century academies. But Cézanne revered him, and his deeply meditated art has been much admired by 20th-century innovators as well.

Since the British came late to Impressionism, the title of the Barbican Art Gallery's new show (Jan 19-May 7) may sound paradoxical. Perhaps that is why **Impressionism in Britain** will be the first major survey to take a comprehensive look at how this heretical movement developed on our side of the Channel. While Degas, Monet and Sisley give the French perspective, the show should include plenty of

VISUAL ART

surprises among the paintings by Clausen, Lavery, Orpen, Sargent, Sickert and Steer.

American art lost one of its major sculptors when **Donald Judd** died last year. The full range of his activities is embraced in the Oxford Museum of Modern Art's ambitious show (Jan 15-March 26). Alongside his celebrated minimal sculptures, the exhibition looks at Judd's furniture, prints and architecture. They are all informed by his tough yet harmonious aesthetic.

Even greater diversity abounds in **Man Ray's** long career. At the Serpentine Gallery (Jan 18-March 12) his Surrealist photographs will be justly prominent. But he delighted in mixing photography with painting, using found objects, pioneering the rayograph, making films and creating "paintings" with light. Restless and innovative, Man Ray's influence is still a potent force in art today.

So is the work of **Yves Klein**, whose notorious career was cut short with his death in 1962 at the age of 34. His retrospective at the Hayward Gallery (Feb 9-April 23) is called *Leap Into The Void* — a reference to his celebrated jump from a 15-foot high wall. But his appetite for experiment took an extraordinary variety of forms. Whether he was performing judo throws, directing a gas jet at canvases to make fire paintings, or smearing nude models with blue pigment to produce his scandalous body paintings, Klein utterly transformed the possibilities for European art.

Around the same time, in the USA, **Willem de Kooning** was producing his most celebrated paintings. As the Tate Gallery exhibition will reveal (Feb 16-May 7), this Dutch-born artist became one of New York's leading Abstract Expressionists during the 1950s. His "Woman" series, with their slashing brushmarks, excited enormous controversy. But the show ranges from the late 1930s to the mid-1980s, when ill-health finally forced de Kooning to bring his long, blazing involvement with paint to a close.

RICHARD CORK



Pierre Boulez: a 70th birthday tribute from LSO

CLASSICAL MUSIC

THIS is a spring dripping with composer celebrations. The **Purcell** tercentenary party has already begun, and the Wigmore Hall's series (if you can get a ticket) promises more Purcellian delights, rare and familiar, throughout the coming months. The BBC's annual composer celebration is devoted to **Hindemith** (Barbican, Jan 13-15), the forgotten man of the inter-war avant-garde. Some of his erotic operas have been dug out in an attempt to make him seem more exciting than we had hitherto thought.

Meanwhile, **Tippett** — born just nine years after Hindemith, but still composing as he turns 90 — is celebrated in a huge London Symphony Orchestra series at the Barbican, "Visions of Paradise" (Feb 3-26). It opens and closes with his two great oratorios, *A Child of Our Time* and *The Mask of Time*, and includes the world premiere of *The Rose Lake* (Feb 19). This, he says, will be his last orchestral work.

The LSO is also involved in a celebration of **Boulez's** 70th birthday, led by the formidable Frenchman himself (Barbican, Jan 19-29). The series sugars his uncompromising serialism with an icing of Debussy, Berg and Bartók, performed by such luminaries as Jessye Norman, Daniel Barenboim and Maurizio Pollini.

However, if your taste is for French music of a rather gentler era, the Wigmore Hall's charming series devoted to works written or inspired by the late 19th-century violin virtuoso **Eugène Ysaÿe** (Feb 18-25) should be just the ticket. The list of composers who wrote either for Ysaÿe as a soloist or for his string quartet is astonishing: it includes practically every major instrumental composer of the day. And it is apt that the Wigmore is celebrating them, since the hall was opened in 1901 by a recital given by Ysaÿe.

Outside London, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle again provides the main orchestral excitement, with the next instalment of its **Towards the Millennium** series (from Feb 22) presenting concerts in Birmingham, Cardiff and on the South Bank in London. If it's 1995, it must be the Forties — not a bad decade, musically, with Stravinsky, Bartók, Messiaen, Britten, Strauss, Copland, Vaughan Williams, Poulenc, Schoenberg and Shostakovich all in full flow.

There is plenty of early music in the regions, too. The enterprising Magenta Music agency is mounting a **Medieval Music Festival** simultaneously in St George's Brandon Hill in Bristol and at Jesus College Chapel in Cambridge (March 2-4). Predominantly vocal, it mixes veterans of the scene (the Hilliard Ensemble — now top of the classical charts, thanks to its bizarre CD with saxophonist Jan Garbarek) with such exciting newcomers as Anonymous 4 and the Dufay Collective.

Aldeburgh also has an Early Music Festival at Snape Maltings (April 13-17), directed by Philip Pickett whose New London Consort opens the festival with the complete Brandenburg Concertos — complemented, the festival boasts, "by the simultaneous projection of ravishing Renaissance and Baroque paintings illustrating the various allegories which inspired Bach". Hm; I wonder what Britten would have said.

RICHARD MORRISON

THEATRE

EXPECT the usual beefs and moans about the theatre's financial woes in 1995, and expect several of them to be justified. But would someone please answer this question? If we are talking about a run-down institution haplessly stumbling to the knackers, why is my diary already packed with openings until April and beyond?

One hundred are scheduled by May 1 for London alone, and by no means all of them are adaptations of *Dr Faustus* or *Adam Bede* in pubs or attics. Indeed, I am not even counting the 15-odd offerings in the **International Mime Festival**, which runs from January 14 to 29. No, we are speaking of Tom Stoppard, Ralph Fiennes, a busy National Theatre, and lots else.

Take the last week of February. That brings us Felicity Kendal in Stoppard's new **Indian Ink**, a complete rejigging of a radio play set in two periods and places, 1930 and now, post-colonial England and an India edging towards independence. Then comes Fiennes's **Hamlet** at the Almeida's latest outpost, the Hackney Empire: Steven Pimlott's production of Phyllis Nagy's gambling comedy, **The Strip**, at the Royal Court; a transfer to the West End from the National for Arthur Miller's **Broken Glass**; and Richard Wilson and John Alderton in Joe Orton's **What the Butler Saw** (Lyttelton).

That is not an especially unrepresentative batch either. Simon Grey's **Cell Mates**, with Stephen Fry and Rik Mayall engineering the escape of the spy Blake, is coming our way in March. So are two pieces by Sharman Macdonald, author of the excellent *When I Was a Girl I Used to Scream and Shout*. Her **Borders of Paradise**, another study of adolescence, starts off in Watford (March 22), and Alan Rickman's production of her **Winter Guest** arrives at the Almeida a week earlier, after a run at the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds.

Butler is of particular interest, for the Orton cognoscenti reckon it his best play, yet it has never yet come to full comic fruition in the theatre. But there other are revivals of note. Will Miriam Margolyes prove Frank Marcus's comedy of manners, **The Killing of Sister George**, a modern classic when she plays its butch heroine in the West End in April? Will Roger Michell bring Dylan Thomas's radio play, **Under Milk Wood**, to theatrical life at the Olivier in the same month?

Certainly, we can be confident that Juliet Stevenson will make an exciting **Duchess of Malfi** when she opens in Webster's thunderer at Greenwich in early February, and that Annie Castledine will find plenty of contemporary punch in Euripides's **Women of Troy**, which she stages at the



Felicity Kendal: starring in Stoppard's *Indian Ink*

Olivier (March 16). Out of town, there is a promising-looking **View from the Bridge**, with Bernard Hill as Miller's incestuous longshoreman, at Bristol Old Vic; Boucicault's seldom seen **Colleen Bawn**, directed by Garry Hynes, at the Royal Exchange, Manchester; and some creative crossing-over at Nottingham Playhouse, where opera's David Pountney has a go at **Twelfth Night** (Feb 11).

Myself, I'll also be keeping an eye on a revival of Frayn's **Noises Off**, which passes through Bath and Norwich in February en route to what I hope are great things. My memory insists it is the funniest play I have ever seen. It would be gratifying if Millicent Martin and her co-performers ratified that view.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Body beautiful: Klein's *Untitled Shroud Anthropometry*, at the Hayward in February

CINEMA

"I'M FLESH and blood, but not human," Brad Pitt declares to Christian Slater's startled reporter in **Interview with the Vampire**. So begins one of the season's most eagerly awaited films, adapted from Anne Rice's novel (opening Jan 20). Eyes should widen even further when Pitt's blood-sucking companion is revealed as Tom Cruise, normally known for his clean-cut smile rather than his fangs. The film marks director Neil Jordan's first venture after *The Crying Game*: audiences are promised a richly orchestrated tale of love, ecstasy and terror.

Hollywood dominates the release schedule, though at least we are getting superior product. Robert Redford's **Quiz Show** (Feb 24) might almost be too superior: do mainstream audiences really want to watch a film that bemoans how brash television culture has killed off civilised, literary values? The film recreates a once-famous scandal of 1958, when accusations of rigging destroyed the reign of Charles Van Doren, scion of a famous literary family, on the quiz show *Twenty One*. A fascinating tale, nonetheless, with strong performances from Ralph Fiennes, John Turturro and Paul Scofield.

Mrs Parker and the Vicious Circle (March 3) also dips into the past, resurrecting Dorothy Parker and her fellow diners at the Hotel Algonquin in the 1920s. Alan Rudolph's film is pleasurable, though you have to strain to catch the strangulated diction of Jennifer Jason Leigh as the tortured soul who gave birth to a thousand quips.

For more visceral excitements, the winter months offer Meryl Streep white-water rafting with a killer in **The River Wild** (enjoyable hokum, due Feb 3), and William Shatner meeting his maker in **Star Trek: Generations** (Feb 17). He also meets his TV replacement, Patrick Stewart, star of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. And no movie season would be complete without its dollop of sex. So welcome Barry Levinson's **Disclosure** (March 10), based on Michael Crichton's novel about sexual harassment in corporate America. Michael Douglas and Demi Moore star.

The rest of the world peeps through occasionally. In March Britain offers Antonia Bird's award-winning **Priest**, a volatile drama about a gay Catholic priest. India presents the groundbreaking **Bandit Queen** (Feb 17), a film biography of the outlaw heroine Phoolan Devi, which has fallen foul of the Indian censor and prompted howls of rage from the lady herself. The Antipodes offer **Heavenly Creatures** (Feb 10), Peter Jackson's best film yet, exploring the true story of two 1950s schoolgirls and their dangerous, intense relationship.

From across the Channel, Patrice Chéreau's *La Reine Margot* (Jan 13) brings a bleeding chunk of French history, with Isabelle Adjani and a merry cast wading through Catholic and Huguenot corpses. For a film with a sense of cinema, though, you must wait for Luc Besson's English-language **Leon** (Feb 3), the tale of a hitman in New York. Besson's insights into human nature could fit on the end of a pin, but he knows how to make a movie move.

GEOFF BROWN



Tom Cruise drops his clean-cut image and goes after blood in Neil Jordan's new *Interview with the Vampire*

DANCE

PETER WRIGHT, the man who brought us one of the greatest of all *Nutcrackers*, is working on a new version of **Coppélia** for Birmingham Royal Ballet, which will be premiered at the Birmingham Hippodrome (March 3). Sets and costumes are by Peter Farmer, one of the classiest and hardest-working designers in the business. On March 10 BRB will add its voice to the "Towards the Millennium" celebrations when it becomes the first British company to perform Antony Tudor's 1942 study of sexuality, **Pillar of Fire**.

The Royal Ballet, meanwhile, is showing Wright's fine production of **Giselle** at Covent Garden (from Jan 21). The resident company then brings back Kenneth MacMillan's **Romeo and Juliet** (opens Feb 17) in place of the scheduled revival of *Prince of the Pagodas*, which had to be postponed due to lack of rehearsal time. Covent Garden's French superstar Sylvie Guillem teams up with the Belgian choreographer **Maurice Béjart** again when his company returns to Sadler's Wells (Feb 28-March 4).

A northern theme for Northern Ballet Theatre, which will be giving the world premiere of **The Brontës**, based on the life of Yorkshire's most famous literary family. Instead of looking at either *Jane Eyre* or *Wuthering Heights*, director Christopher Gable and choreographer Gillian Lynne have decided to focus on the story of Patrick Brontë and his astonishing offspring (opens Grand Theatre, Leeds, March 6).

Away from the world of ballet, two of the most glorious and eccentric of British talents will have London seasons. **Lindsay Kemp** brings his troupe to Sadler's Wells (Jan 24-Feb 4) with a new production, *Cinderella — a Gothic Operetta*, that promises "disturbing and decadent excess". Two months later, **Michael Clark** returns to Riverside Studios, the west London venue that helped to launch his career, with a retrospective of his outrageous and original creations (March 28-April 8).

From America comes the wonderful **Mark Morris Dance Group**, making its first UK tour riding on the acclaim earned at the past three Edinburgh Festivals. The programme (opens March 16, New Victoria, Woking) includes works set to Gershwin, Brahms and the country and



Sylvie Guillem: a guest appearance with Béjart

western tunes of Bob Willis and his Texas Playboys. Finally, **Spring Loaded**, the festival of British independent dance, offers 22 companies performing over three months in London. Among the most eagerly awaited is the Shobana Jeyasingh Company, which gives the London premiere of *Raid* at The Place (Feb 28-March 4), and a collaboration between Laurie Booth and the Argentine tango quartet, Cuarteto Cedron (Queen Elizabeth Hall, March 23-24).

DEBRA CRAINE

OPERA

WHETHER by chance or canny long-term planning — answers on a postcard — the Purcell tercentenary is being backed up with a fair slug of work by British composers in the programmes of our opera companies (Purcell himself comes later in the year). Walton's **Troilus and Cressida** is far from being a lost cause, more a temporarily mislaid one. It is full of music bursting with red corpuscles, and with peculiarly Waltonesque wit in the characterisation of Pandarus, and it is to be hoped that Opera North's new production (Jan 14, with two showings at Covent Garden on Jan 30 and Feb 2) in a version closer to Walton's original intentions will be as much of a restoration job as the same company's *Gloriana*. Richard Hickox conducts; the producer is Matthew Warchus.

The happily immortal Sir Michael Tippett's 90th birthday is marked by performances of Tom Cairns's much-admired production of **King Priam** at the Coliseum (Feb 3), with Andrew Shore, Thomas Randle and Jean Rigby conducted by Paul Daniel, and the Royal Opera marks the 50th anniversary of **Peter Grimes** with a revival on April 8 conducted by Sir Edward Downes who, as a beardless youth, played the horn in the pit at Sadler's Wells back in 1945.

If the success of a production is to be judged by the violence of the reactions it provokes, then Richard Jones's new **Siegfried** for the Royal Opera (March 27) should be the event of the spring: the tremors caused by the first two *Ring* segments are only just subsiding. Bernard Haitink will doubtless again ensure sterling musical values, and with Siegfried Jerusalem, Anne Evans and John Tomlinson on stage, the singing should be as good as you will find today.

The ROH's other new offering is **Cosi fan tutte**, directed by Jonathan Miller with costumes by Armani and a finely balanced cast that includes Thomas Allen singing his first Don Alfonso (Jan 18). The hottest ticket in Bow St will presumably be Pavarotti in **Ballo in maschera** (April 13), but a double-cast **Rosenkavalier** offering a choice between Felicity Lott with Anne-Sofie von Otter (Feb 4) and Anna Tomowa-Sintow with Ann Murray (Feb 24) is not to be sniffed at; nor is the Salzburg production of **Salome** with Catherine Malfitano and Bryn Terfel (March 11).

ENO also offers a new **Don Giovanni**, shared with Flanders Opera and conducted by Markus Stenz (March 15), and has charmingly chosen April 1 for the first night of its production of Schnittke's wild-



Walton: his *Troilus and Cressida* is to be revived

ly, at times alarmingly, surreal **Life with an Idiot**. This parable about life in the Soviet Union will be conducted by Richard Armstrong and produced by Jonathan Moore.

A quietish spring outside London, where belts are being noticeably tightened. Scottish Opera present a new **Marriage of Figaro** (Jan 24) conducted by Nicholas McGegan and produced by David Leveaux, and Armstrong conducts a revival of Elijah Moshinsky's marvellous American Civil War staging of *Forza del destino*, with Lisa Gasteen and the Chinese tenor Deng (April 28). The Welsh National also planned a new *Figaro* but has to do a revival instead (Feb 18).

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Jockey Club drops investigation into Bo Know Nigel's positive sample

Embarrassing reversal over dope test

By Julian Muscat

THE Jockey Club investigation into the positive test returned by Bo Knows Nigel, the subject of an attempted betting coup at Folkestone on August 12, was called off last night after counter-analysis of the same sample identified the offending substance to be present in levels below the specified threshold.

Discrepancies between the findings of the Horserace Forensic Laboratory (HFL), which is retained by the Jockey Club, and L.A.B., the French laboratory site chosen for counter-analysis, means the investigation cannot now proceed into the former Geoff Lewis-trained horse. The outcome is an embarrassment to the HFL, whose exclusive findings have provided the platform for the Jockey Club's past inquiries into prohibited substances.

The difference between the two laboratories's findings were described by the Jockey Club's director of public affairs, David Pipe, as "infinitesimally small" even though it forced the abandonment of the inquiry. Neville Dunnett, the HFL's director, was unavailable for comment last night, but the Newmarket-based laboratory, owned and funded by the Levy Board, defended itself in a prepared statement.

It cited the time span between its testing of the sample and the counter-analysis — a period of four months — as the root cause of the discrepancy. "Deterioration of the analyte over this time period is to be expected," the statement said.

If the science of this cannot be doubted, it is nevertheless quite absurd that the HFL should allow its work to be brought into question through counter-analysis of a sample which it acknowledges will have deteriorated with time. This is the question Dunnett should have addressed in the HFL's statement. This incident has not just validated the Aga Khan's vigilance over drug-testing procedures in Britain. It has also confirmed that the procedures recently introduced by the Jockey Club — largely at the Aga's behest — are long overdue.

Under the new rules, which came into effect on Monday, counter-analysis of the Bo Knows Nigel sample would have been both mandatory and immediate, thereby dispelling the element of doubt thrown up by this case.

Bo Knows Nigel, who arrived at Lewis's stable only ten days before the aborted betting coup at Folkestone in August, was eventually withdrawn from the race for which he had been backed from 16-1 down to 2-1 favourite.

Lewis heard Bo Knows Nigel coughing as he left for Folkestone, where the racecourse veterinarian withdrew the horse on the grounds that he was listless. It was the latter symptoms that prompted the collection of the horse's urine for analysis.

The fact that hydrocortisone, the offending substance, can be manufactured naturally by horses has necessitated the introduction of a threshold level. According to the HLF, the level of hydrocortisone found in Bo Knows Nigel exceeded the permitted levels.

Lewis could not be contacted last night, but a stable spokesperson said: "He is in Australia and we have faxed him the details. He will be delighted with the news: he has always protested his innocence." At the time of the positive test, Bo Knows Nigel was owned jointly by Lewis, Charlie Sparrowhawk and John Manley, the latter a former bookmaker. He was sold to the partnership by Nigel Goldman, whose training debts rendered him a "disqualified person" by the Jockey Club, in a deal struck by the former trainer, John Sutcliffe. Both Goldman and Sutcliffe were interviewed by members of the Jockey Club's security department.

Although the inquiry into the positive test has been closed, the Jockey Club is pursuing what it described as "other matters which came to light during the initial investigation."

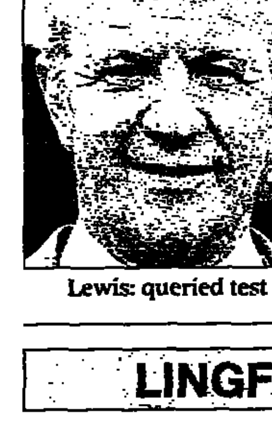
The Jockey Club does not intend to review their contract with the HFL in the wake of the inquiry's abandonment. "The laboratory is renowned world-wide for its outstanding work," Pipe said. "We are satisfied that their work is of a very high standard."

As for Bo Knows Nigel, after his transfer from Lewis' stable to that of Ian Campbell in October, he was put down after breaking down at Huntingdon on Boxing Day.

JULIAN HERBERT



The cold snap fails to break the competitive spirit at Lingfield where the all-weather fixture was Britain's only surviving meeting



Lewis: queried test

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Lingfield waits on early inspection

TODAY'S meeting at Lingfield Park rests on a 7.30 inspection this morning. Parts of the course are still frozen, but Geoff Stickels, the clerk of the course, said: "Conditions have eased a bit, but there will be an inspection in the morning to assess prospects."

Prospects for the weekend's racing appear bright, as temperatures look set to rise. But the cold weather could still take its toll tomorrow, with Sedgefield (10am) and Nottingham (noon) inspecting today. Sedgefield's clerk of the course, John Cleverly, said: "The forecast is for milder weather this evening so we will probably end up looking at the course again on Thursday morning."

There are no problems at the moment for Friday's turf meetings at Towcester and Uttoxeter, while hopes are also high for Warwick's Saturday card.

Although Sandown Park, which is due to stage the £25,000-added Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase on Saturday, is still partly frozen, the clerk of the course, Andrew Cooper, is hopeful. Haydock's clerk of the course, Philip Arkwright, is also optimistic that Saturday's card will go ahead, saying: "At the moment, the ground is frozen, but the forecast is for warmer weather."

Reopening of entries runs into problems

THE British Horseracing Board's newly introduced reopening of races at the five-day stage has run into problems the first time it has been used.

Since Sunday, any race which attracts seven runners or fewer on the day of entry can be reopened until 9.30am the following day. The Newton Chase at Haydock on Saturday was reopened after only seven horses were declared on Monday.

Weatherbys announced yesterday that Graham Richards's Colonial Office, a modest novice pulled up on his only outing this term, was the only newcomer added to the field for the £25,000-added race.

But it has since turned out that Richards had not intended to run his gelding against the likes of Katabatic and Dublin Flyer. He thought he was entering him in a novice chase and the entry was accepted in error by Weatherbys.

Richards's wife, Kay, said yesterday: "We drove down to Windsor from South Wales only to find the meeting was called off, which was very disappointing because the horse needed a run.

"When we got home we saw on Teletext that a race at Haydock was reopened and we thought that it was the Oldham Novices' Chase so we decided to enter him in that.

"We sent the entry by fax this morning as the phone line has been very bad lately. It was only when Weatherbys called this afternoon that we realised that it was the wrong race."

A spokeswoman for Weatherbys confirmed the error. "Colonial Office was entered for the Oldham Novices' Chase, which had already closed, and the entry was accepted in error. The mistake has now been spotted and the horse has been taken out of the race."

☐ Victory in the King George VI Tripleprint Chase on Boxing Day has given the François Doumen-trained Algan a four-point lead over Monsieur Le Cure in the chasing category of the Whitbread National Hunt awards.

Amateurs find little comfort on arduous cup journey

By Christopher Irvine

LUCK is the essence of any cup draw. Not that the 16 amateur rugby league clubs through to the third round of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup got even the glimmer of good fortune yesterday. They were automatically drawn away at professional second division opposition.

How would Woolston, the leaders of the National Conference League, have fared, for instance, at home to Bramley, instead of at McLaren Field? Highfield, Swinton, Barrow and Carlisle will take on Normanton, Millom, East Leeds and Dudley Hill a good deal more optimistically on their respective home patches than on their opponents'.

A repeat of what happened recently to the amateurs clubs in the Regal Trophy, where again they were automatically drawn at second division clubs, can only hasten their expulsion. Mercifully, Blackpool and Nottingham, who were both beaten by record margins of 138 points, are also out of the Challenge Cup, but Chorley remain, although probably not for long with a trip to Keighley Cougars, the leaders of the second division.

The Challenge Cup transfer deadline was extended a second time, but the most signficant business yesterday was a non-deal. Rowland Phillips and Kevin Ellis, the Wales internationals, are to stay at Workington Town on loan from Warrington until the end of the season, putting paid to an exchange deal with Featherstone Rovers for Andy Currier, the former Great Britain centre, to join Warrington.

Jamie Bloem, the former Doncaster and South Africa full back, will today have his appeal against a two-year ban for taking anabolic steroids heard by the Rugby Football League.

David Watson, the Bradford Northern and New Zealand international full back, has been charged with assault causing actual bodily harm after an incident outside a nightclub in Bradford in the early hours of Christmas Day. Watson, 28, was bailed to appear at Bradford Magistrates' Court on January 23.

THIRD ROUND: Barrow v East Leeds; Batley v Shaw Cross; Bramley v Woolston; Carlisle v Dudley Hill; Dewsbury v Kells; Highfield v Normanton; Huddersfield v Wigan St Judes; Hull KR v Thornhill; Hunslet v Wigan St Patricks; Keighley v Chorley B; Leigh v Heworth; London B v Ellenborough; Rochdale v Lock Lane; Ryedale York v Barrow Island; Swinton v Millom; Whitehaven v Moorends

Ties to be played on January 21 and 22

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.45 World Express
1.15 Bo Knows Best
1.45 Ready To Draw
2.15 Yellow Spring
2.45 TICKERTY'S GIFT (nap)
3.15 Simon Joseph
3.45 Meanus Miller

GOING: HEAVY (7.30AM INSPECTION) SIS

12.45 HORLEY MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £2,246. 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 0-403 REESHLOCH 25 (Mrs M Taylor) A Turnell 6-11-7 ... D Fort (5) 94
2 034 SPANISH REFUGE 20 (G Reilly) Mrs L Richards 5-11-7 ... M Richards 89
3 6 STONEY VALLEY 18 (R Ellis) J Jenkins 5-11-7 ... N Williamson ●
4 2 WORLD EXPRESS 41 (World Express Ltd) B Millman 5-11-7 ... D Salter (5) 91
5 DIPLOMATIST 64F (J Gnsty) D Grissell 5-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs –
6 FABRIANA 90F (D Sorrows) T Naughton 5-11-2 ... A Maguire –
7 420 GINGER JIM 22 (V) (Mrs G Watcher) P Hedger 4-10-9 ... D O'Sullivan 89
8 ZUNO NOELYN 54F (Planflow (Leasing) Ltd) R Akehurst 4-10-4 ... S Ryan (7) –

BETTING: 5-2 Stoney Valley, 3-1 World Express, 9-2 Reeshloch, 5-1 Spanish Refuge, 7-1 Zuno Noelyn, 8-1 Diplomatist, 14-1 others.

1994: MEETING ABANDONED — COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

REESHLOCH 7l 3rd of 10 to Air Shot in novice hurdle over course and distance (heavy). SPANISH REFUGE 7¼l 4th of 12 to Falmouth Bay in novice hurdle at Towcester (3m, soft). STONEY VALLEY 19¼l 6th of 8 to Berude Not To in grade II Kennel Gate Novice Hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good). WORLD EXPRESS neck 2nd of 14 to Play Games in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good). DIPLOMATIST 30l 25th of 27 to Ballyranter in handicap at Newcastle (1m 2f, good to soft) on latest Flat start. FABRIANA head 2nd of 15 to Dia Georgy in conditions race here (7f 140yd, heavy) on penultimate Flat start. GINGER JIM 3½l 2nd of 16 to Pampered Guest in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good) on penultimate start. ZUNO NOELYN 5l 6th of 27 to Spring Sixpence in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f good) on penultimate Flat start.
Selection: STONEY VALLEY (nap)

1.15 SEVENOAKS NOVICES CHASE (£2,742: 2m) (4 runners)

1 6100-13 BO KNOWS BEST 34F (F,S) (D Humphreys) G L Moore 6-11-2 ... M Richards –
2 1103-50 DANCING PADDY 53 (G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 7-11-3 ... A Maguire –
3 232U4-3 HANDSOME NED 29 (G,S) (M Bridger) D Grissell 9-11-3 ... J Railton ●
4 0-11240- HERE HE COMES 34F (G,S) (F Willson) A Moore 9-11-3 ... D Gallagher –

BETTING: Evens Bo Knows Best, 11-4 Dancing Paddy, 4-1 Handsome Ned, 5-1 Here He Comes.

FORM FOCUS

BO KNOWS BEST beat Gospel 11l in 6-runner handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. DANCING PADDY 41l 7th of 10 to Atours in handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good to soft). HANDSOME NED 6¾l 3rd of 6 to War Counsel in novice chase at Plumpton (2m, soft). HERE HE COMES 4¾l 4th of 14 to Precious Boy in handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: BO KNOWS BEST

1.45 GODSTONE SELLING HURDLE (£1,940: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

1 3P01- CHALLENGER ROW 28SF (D,S) (Mrs L Jewell) Mrs L Jewell 5-11-13 A P McCoy (3) 50
2 2543PP HASHAR 8 (D,F) (W Brown) D Elsworth 7-11-13 ... P Holley ●
3 00-0P34 KNYAZ 6 (B,S) (T Clay) Mrs L Richards 5-11-13 ... D Fort (5) 56
4 43/661 READY TO DRAW 6 (S) (A Wallis) R O'Sullivan 6-11-13 ... D O'Sullivan 65
4 4406U4 YEOMAN BOUND 14 (Mrs J Marum) J Jenkins 7-11-6 ... A Maguire 59
5 P06P-03 CELTIC LILLEY 22 (Miss J Read) R Hoad 5-11-1 ... M Richards 58
7 36 DOCTOR DEATH 5 (V) (R Whittaker) M Dixon 4-10-8 ... N Williamson 55
8 5 FOREVER BLUSHING 86 (Miss M Bryant) P Butler 4-10-3 ... M A Fitzgerald –

BETTING: 6-4 Hashar, 11-4 Ready To Draw, 7-2 Challenger Row, 8-1 Knyaz, 12-1 Yeoman Bound, Doctor Death, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CHALLENGER ROW beat Bobadil 3l in 9-runner maiden hurdle at Down Royal (2m, soft). HASHAR best effort 3l 3rd of 6 to dead-heaters Arabian Bold and Square Silk in handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft). KNYAZ 3¼l 3rd of 5 to Birthplace in conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Towcester (3m, soft). READY TO DRAW beat Cobb Gate 10l in 17-runner selling hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft) with KNYAZ (7lb better off) 9l 4th. YEOMAN BOUND 5¾l 4th of 12 to Major's Law in selling hurdle at Southwell (2m, soft). CELTIC LILLEY 3¾l 3rd of 7 to Damcada in selling handicap hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). DOCTOR DEATH 19l 3rd of 11 to Zaitoon in novice hurdle at Warwick (3m, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: READY TO DRAW

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robertson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing, F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.15 ROCK SAINT CHALLENGE TROPHY
(Handicap chase: £4,498: 2m 4f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 1064-42 LUMBERJACK 5 (B,D,G,S) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 11-12-0 ... J Osborne 95
2 12/42-4P CALAPAEZ 49 (CD,F,G,S) (T Blake) Miss B Sanders 11-11-5 ... M Richards 98
3 101F-46 YELLOW SPRING 34 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Howell) E Grassell 10-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs ●
4 1-U03PP DWADME 16 (F,S) (Sussex Renovations Ltd) R O'Sullivan 10-10-0 ... B Powell 96

BETTING: Evens Lumberjack, 11-4 Calapaez, 3-1 Yellow Spring, 9-1 Dwadme.

FORM FOCUS

LUMBERJACK neck 2nd of 6 to Jailbreaker in handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). CALAPAEZ 15l 4th of 8 to Docklands Express in handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good to firm). YELLOW SPRING 20¾l 6th of 11 to Over The Stream in handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good). DWADME best effort 8¾l 3rd of 6 to Emerald Storm in handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good to soft).
Selection: LUMBERJACK

2.45 HORLEY MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £2,226: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

1 0-3 AMAZE 57 (BF) (Lady Katharine Phillips) Lady Herries 6-11-7 ... E Murphy 95
2 00S4-53 CAPTAIN BERT 60 (D Andrews) B De Haan 6-11-7 ... I Lawrence 89
3 00- SUSSEX MAESTRO 238 (F Gray) F Gray 5-11-7 ... M Grosse –
4 2-26 TICKERTY'S GIFT 27 (P Higgins) G L Moore 5-11-7 ... M A Fitzgerald ●
5 0 WHITEBONNET 9 (B) (The Blue Chip Group) C Egerton 5-11-7 ... J Osborne 82
6 052F INDIAN TEMPLE 9 (D Clarke) M Saunders 4-10-9 ... N Williamson 87
7 P JUST A BEAU 34 (Mrs P Donkin) Mrs L Jewell 4-10-9 ... J Railton –

BETTING: 7-4 Amaze, 2-1 Tickerty's Gift, 7-2 Captain Bert, 6-1 Indian Temple, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

AMAZE 1l 3rd of 12 to Rocky Park in novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). CAPTAIN BERT 12l 3rd of 12 to Flapjack Lad in novice handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft). TICKERTY'S GIFT 4l 2nd of 18 to Hobbs in novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. INDIAN TEMPLE 1¼l 2nd of 16 to Lyrng Eyes in selling hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: AMAZE

3.15 HAXTED NOVICES CHASE (£3,493: 3m) (6 runners)

1 4/3-535U DI MODA 30 (V) (C Marks (Banbury)) J Bosley 8-11-4 ... M Bosley 97
2 2P FEICIUM 22 (Mrs L Taylor) Mrs L Taylor 6-11-4 ... P Ward (7) –
3 P65S5F JOKER JACK 22 (F,S) (R Dean) R Dean 10-11-4 ... M Richards 97
4 2F4 POSITIVE INFLUENCE 22 (G) (D Curtis) D Grissell 9-11-4 ... Peter Hobbs ●
5 0-6PFPP ROYAL PIPER 6 (S) (A Darlington) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 9-11-4 ... A Tory –
6 062-F63 SIMON JOSEPH 20 (Mrs G McFerran) T George 8-11-4 ... B Powell 98

BETTING: 2-1 Simon Joseph, 9-4 Positive Influence, 5-1 Di Moda, 7-1 Joker Jack, 8-1 Feicium, 10-1 Royal Piper.

FORM FOCUS

DI MODA best effort 15l 3rd of 7 to Lewinhall Princess in novice chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, soft). FEICIUM distance 2nd of 3 to Change The Reign in novice chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good) on penultimate start. JOKER JACK 41¼l 5th of 6 to Kalanski in handicap chase at Plumpton (3m 1f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. POSITIVE INFLUENCE 17¾l 4th of 9 to Ivycroft Warrior in novice chase at Folkestone (2m 5f, good to soft). SIMON JOSEPH 30l 3rd of 10 to Sweet Duke in novice chase at Towcester (2m 6f, soft) with DI MODA unseated rider last.
Selection: SIMON JOSEPH

3.45 H.B.L.B. CROWHURST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,976: 2m 3f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 0320 PISTOL RIVER 19 (V) (P Green) N Walker 5-12-0 ... Guy Lewis 90
2 3-F36 DAWN FLIGHT 9 (Famecar Ltd) J Jenkins 6-11-0 ... A P McCoy 92
3 004-100 TITAN EMPRESS 23 (S) (T J Sydes) S Mellor 6-10-7 ... Chris Webb (3) 94
4 0-045 TINA SPARKLE 20 (The Baguettes) Mrs D Haine 6-10-6 ... G Hogan 80
5 64-2350 NYCHURCH 23 (J Joseph) J Joseph 5-10-5 ... Karen Cook (7) ●
6 P5F0 MEANUS MILLER 23 (Miss G Donovan) R Rowe 7-10-6 ... D Carson (3) 91
7 004- KITSBEL 301 (D Donegan) T McGovern 7-10-0 ... F Leahy 78

BETTING: 9-4 Dawn Flight, 4-1 Pistol River, 9-2 Titan Empress, 5-1 Tina Sparkle, 5-1 Meanus Miller, 8-1 Nychurch, 10-1 Kitsbel.

FORM FOCUS

PISTOL RIVER 1l 2nd of 15 to Desmond Gold in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. DAWN FLIGHT 14¾l 5th of 9 to Prince Of Salerno in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, good to soft). TITAN EMPRESS best effort beat Rasan Turf head in 13-runner novice handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, soft). TINA SPARKLE 17¾l 5th of 12 to E'ime A Buzz in novice hurdle at Towcester (3m, soft). NYCHURCH best recent effort 13¾l 3rd of 12 to Same Difference in conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, soft). MEANUS MILLER best effort 21¾l 5th of 12 to Rocky Park in novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft).
Selection: PISTOL RIVER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Turnell	6	17	35.3	D Fort	5	17	29.4
R Akehurst	19	59	32.2	M A Fitzgerald	7	24	29.2
D Elsworth	4	13	30.8	J Osborne	12	41	27.3
Miss B Sanders	23	78	29.5	Guy Lewis	3	13	23.1
R O'Sullivan	13	74	17.6	Peter Hobbs	5	35	22.9
D Grissell	11	64	17.2	A Maguire	20	94	21.3

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

1.30 Samson-Agonistes. 2.00 Absalom's Pillar. 2.30 Delrob. 3.00 Biya. 3.30 Tu Opes. 4.00 Mad Militant. 4.30 On Y Va.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 WALK THE BEAT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Contrafire. 4.00 BASSMAAT (nap).

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.30 CEDAR CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: £2,995: 5f) (8 runners)

101 (6) 004- LEIGH CROFTER 25 (B,D,F,G,S) P Cundell 6-9-5 ... D Griffiths (5) 80
102 (7) 034- SAMSON-AGONISTES 8 (CD,F,G,S) P Evans 9-8-13 ... A Clark 86
103 (3) 052- LITTLE SABOTEUR 28 (D,F,G,S) P Makin 6-8-8 ... J Weaver 85
104 (2) 104- VERY DICEY 8 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 7-8-7 ... P Fessey (7) ●
105 (1) 400- TOMMY TEMPEST 15 (B,CD,G,S) A Bailey 6-8-1 ... D Wright (3) 63
106 (5) 002- PRIMULA BAIRN 8 (V,D,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-0 ... J Fanning 83
107 (4) 260- FARASTRADA 6 (B) B Preece 4-7-12 ... J Quinn 87
108 (8) /00- MY FOXY LADY 8 J A Harris 5-7-10 ... S Lanigan (7) –

7-4 Primula Bairn, 7-2 Little Saboteur, 4-1 Very Dicey, 5-1 Samson-Agonistes, Leigh Crofter, 10-1 Farastrada, 12-1 others.

2.00 BEECH HANDICAP
(£3,606: 1m 6f 166yd) (9)

201 (9) 203- MEANT TO BE 39 (F,S) Lady Herries 5-10-0 ... Shona Crombie (7) 93
202 (7) 000- VISHNU 20 (F,G) J Eyre 5-9-13 ... A Clark 92
203 (5) 233- MILNGAVIE 37 (CD,F,G,S) M Johnston 5-9-3 ... T Williams 95
204 (1) 413- ABSALOM'S PILLAR 20 (G,S) J Hetherton 5-9-3 ... N Carlisle ●
205 (6) 300- LOBILIO 19J (V,F,G) D Burchell 6-9-2 ... J Weaver 86
206 (8) 100- IOTA 69 (CD,F,G,S) J L Harris 6-9-2 ... L Detton 85
207 (3) 000- PRIDE OF MAY 40J (F) R Hannon 4-9-0 ... R Perham 96
208 (2) 115- NOUFARI 4 (C,G) R Hollinshead 4-8-11 (4ex) ... T Ives 96
209 (4) 405- JEAN DE FLORETTE 162 (B) R Emery 4-7-7 ... G Bardwell 87

7-4 Milngavie, 11-4 Meant To Be, 5-1 Iota, 6-1 Absalom's Pillar, 10-1 Lobilio, 12-1 Pride Of May, 14-1 others

2.30 CEDAR CLAIMING STAKES
(Div II: £2,995: 5f) (8)

301 (1) 003- RAGAZZO 8 (S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-9 ... L Charnock 66
302 (3) -00/ LUNAR PRINCE 417 T Clement 5-8-7 ... D Wright (3) –
303 (5) 000- SIR TASKER 20 (CD,F,G) J L Harris 7-8-7 ... L Detton 86
304 (8) 500- TYRIAN PURPLE 20 (B,D,F,G,S) T Naughton 7-8-6 ... V Halliday (5) 87
305 (2) 012- WALK THE BEAT 8 (D,F,G,S) R Simpson 5-8-5 ... S Drowne (5) ●
306 (7) 065- DELROB 8 (CD,G) D Haydn Jones 4-8-4 ... A Mackay 85
307 (4) /00- WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 30J P Pritchard 5-8-1 ... N Adams –
308 (6) 000- FLORAC 95 (D,F) J Balding 5-8-0 ... Claire Balding (7) 63

9-4 Ragazzo, 3-1 Walk The Beat, 7-2 Sir Tasker, 5-1 Delrob, 6-1 Tyrian Purple, 8-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 1.45 Doctor Death. 3.45 Pistol River. Wolverhampton: 4.00 Chapel Haven

3.00 ROWAN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,539: 1m 100yd) (6)

401 (3) 0- AMERCIUS 35 R Hannon 9-0 ... R Perham –
402 (1) BIYA M Johnston 9-0 ... T Williams –
403 (6) 006- CONTRAFIRE 98 W Jarvis 9-0 ... L Dettori ●
404 (4) 0- LANESRA BREEZE 15 T Naughton 9-0 ... V Halliday (5) –
405 (5) 0- SOLOR DANCER 61 C Booth 9-0 ... G Carter –
406 (2) 6- ZESTI 15 T Clement 9-0 ... R Cochrane 70

5-4 Contrafire, 9-4 Biya, 9-2 Zesti, 8-1 Amercius, Lanesra Breeze, 12-1 Solor Dancer

3.30 ASH HANDICAP (£4,182: 1m 1f 79yd) (12)

501 (2) 111- BENTICO 4 (CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 6-10-4 (5ex) ... S Sanders (5) 85
502 (12) 000- TAPIS ROUGE 25J (G,S) T Caldwell 6-10-0 ... J Weaver –
503 (10) 204- ZIGGY'S DANCER 8 E Alston 4-10-0 ... D Wright (3) 88
504 (9) 024- AITCH N'BEE 39 (G,S) Lady Herries 12-9-13 ... Shona Crombie (7) 83
505 (7) 000- TU OPES 20 (F,G) J L Harris 4-9-10 ... Dale Gibson 87
506 (5) 300- PILLOW TALK 9J (F) K Burke 4-9-4 ... R Cochrane 84
507 (6) 106- ROCKSTINE 18 (C,G) P Mitchell 4-9-2 ... L Dettori 87
508 (4) 200- BOLD ACRE 29J (S) D Burchell 5-9-1 ... D R McCabe (5) 87
509 (3) 005- SALSKA 4 (V) P Bevan 4-8-11 ... N Carlisle 72
510 (1) 000- PERSONAL PRIDE 56 A Foster 4-8-4 ... Stephen Davies –
511 (11) 001- BALLYHAYS 8 (C,G) J A Harris 6-8-3 (5ex) ... S D Williams ●
512 (8) 00/ TURTLE POWER 30J A James 5-8-1 ... G Bardwell –

6-4 Bentico, 5-1 Aitch N'Bee, 6-1 Ballyhays, 7-1 Salska, 10-1 Ziggy's Dancer, 14-1 Tapis Rouge, Pillow Talk, 16-1 others.

4.00 ACORN CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,537: 1m 4f) (9)

601 (7) 5/0- STRICTLY PERSONAL 15J (G) K Burke 5-9-7 ... R Cochrane –
602 (2) 004- MAD MILITANT 20 (CD,F,G) R Hollinshead 6-9-3 ... L Dettori 90
603 (4) 005- SALBUS 9 (G) F Yardley 5-8-3 ... J Williams ●
604 (8) -00/ ABU DANCER 29J K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-11 ... L Charnock –
605 (5) 000/ SONEETO 720 D Laing 9-8-11 ... G Bardwell –
606 (3) 000/ TAAHHUB 9J (G) N Twiston-Davies 5-8-7 ... J Weaver –
607 (9) 003/ SMART DEBUTANTE 277J Miss S Wilton 6-8-6 ... A Mackay –
608 (6) 510/ ALMOST A PRINCESS 50J (D,S) W G M Turner 7-8-4 ... S Lanigan (7) –
609 (1) /00- CHAPEL HAVEN 22J (B) J Parkes 5-8-4 ... J Quinn –

5-4 Mad Militant, 4-1 Salbus, 6-1 Taahhub, 7-1 Almost A Princess, 8-1 others

4.30 OAK HANDICAP (£5,602: 7f) (11)

1 (9) 513- EVERSET 8 (CD,F,G,S) A Bailey 7-10-6 (6ex) ... D Wright (3) 89
2 (3) 301- ROCKETEER 18 (B,D,G) W Muir 4-10-0 ... J Weaver 96
3 (7) 400- MR MARTINI 18 (F,G) C Brittain 5-9-12 ... B Doyle 96
4 (11) /13- BASSMAAT 72 (C,D,G) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-4 ... L Dettori 86
5 (8) 122- MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 25 (D,F,G) W Cunningham 5-9-4 ... A Clark 94
6 (2) 250- BEWARE OF AGENTS 155 (D,F,S) M Johnston 6-8-12 ... T Williams 92
7 (1) 504- MILOS 4 (D,F,G) T Naughton 4-8-10 ... V Halliday (5) 92
8 (5) 53-2 DREAM CARRIER 2 (CD,F,G) T Barron 7-8-9 ... T Ives 91
9 (10) 163- CHINOUR 25 (D,F,G) E Alston 7-8-8 ... J Quinn 92
10 (4) 000- ALJAZ 20 (G) D Thom 5-7-11 ... A Mackay 80
11 (6) 106- ON Y VA 37 (CD,G,S) R Williams 8-7-7 ... G Bardwell ●

7-2 Bassmaat, 4-1 Everset, 9-2 Rocketeer, 7-1 Mustn't Grumble, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 17 winners from 49 runners, 34.7%; T Barron, 7 from 31, 22.6%; J A Harris, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Miss S Wilton, 3 from 15, 20.0%; J Berry, 17 from 94, 18.1%; A Bailey, 14 from 78, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 32 winners from 113 rides, 28.3%; L Dettori, 15 from 83, 18.1%; R Cochrane, 6 from 37, 16.2%; A Clark, 11 from 74, 14.9%; S D Williams, 6 from 43, 14.0%; S Sanders, 7 from 61, 11.5%.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.45 (5f) 1, BAILEYS SUNSET (T Williams, 100-30); 2, Abbey House (D Wright, 2-1 fav); 3, Prince Rudolf (M Fenton, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Lady Pui (5th), 15-2 Cune Express (4th), 10 Vibro, 25 More Bills, 33 Black Shadow (6th). 8 ran. 1l, 3½l, 3l, sh hd, 2½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £3.70; £1.10, £1.30, £4.20. DF: £4.90. CSF: £10.34.

1.15 (1m 2f) 1, SOUTH EASTERN FRED (M Rimmer, 6-4 fav); 2, Rawya (J Weaver, 11-4); 3, Our Eddie (T Ives, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Canary Falcon (5th), 15-2 Surprise Guest (4th), 14 Tondres (6th), 16 View From Above, 33 Waham. 8 ran. 3½l, 9l, shd, 1½l, 1½l. H Collingridge at Newmarket. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £1.10, £3.20. DF: £5.30. CSF: £6.70. Tricast: £21.81.

1.45 (2m) 1, ARIAN SPIRIT (D R McCabe, 4-1); 2, Arc Bright (L Dettori, 5-2 fav); 3, Rose Of Glenn (Stephen Davies, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Royal Circus, 7 Star Quest (5th), 8 Mediator, 11 Wicklow Boy (6th), 20 Kiss Kincsem, 25 Disputed Call (4th), Ragtime Song, 33 Malingerer. 11 ran. Nk, 2½l, nk, 2½l, 4l. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £5.10; £1.20, £2.00, £4.40. DF: £16.90. Trio: £19.60. CSF: £14.06. Tricast: £78.84.

2.15 (1m) 1, BATTLESHIP BRUCE (L Dettori, 1-3 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2t, Mazilla (B Russell, 10-1), 2t, Water Bebe (T Ives, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Tara Colleen (5th), 10 Foly Road (4th), 25 Go LikeCrazy, Red Spectacle (6th), 66 Jemthorn Bishop. 8 ran. NR: Persian Conquest. 2½l, dd-ht, nk, 13l, 1l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, Mazilla £2.60, Water Bebe £3.60. DF: Battleship Bruce, Mazilla £2.20, Battleship Bruce, Water Bebe £5.10. CSF: Battleship Bruce, Mazilla £2.67, Battleship Bruce, Water Bebe £5.58.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, BIREQUEST (L Dettori, 7-2); 2, Awesome Power (D Harrison, 7-4 fav); 3, Global Dancer (Emma O'Gorman, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Muzzober (5th), 9 Herr Trigger (4th), 20 Bag Of Tricks (6th), Knightrider, Shepherd Market. 8 ran. Nk, ¾l, 2½l, nk, 3½l. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £5.60; £1.60, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £7.60. CSF: £9.85. Tricast: £29.80.

3.15 (1m) 1, KINNEGAD KID (D Wright, 13-2); 2, Hatta Sunshine (A Whelan, 20-1); 3, Sweet Supposin (R Cochrane, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Krayyan Dawn, 5 Rad, 8 Hawaii Storm (4th), 11 Eastleigh (5th), 12 Level Edge, 14 Buddy's Friend (6th), Friendly Brave, 16 Pearly River, 33 Breckland. 12 ran. 5l, 1½l, 1¾l, ¾l, ¾l. R Ingram at Fiskerton. Tote: £7.60; £2.60, £4.70, £2.60. DF: £101.30. CSF: £112.40. Tricast: £644.62.

3.45 (1m 6f) 1, BEAUTETE (Mr T Cuff, 5-2 jt-fav, The Times Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Sir Thomas Beecham (Mr T McCarthy, 12-1); 3, Kadari (Mrs S Bosley, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Captain Marmalade (5th), 7-2 Sirat's Legacy, 9 Kenyatta (4th), 10 Cone Lane, 16 Persian Bud (6th), 33 Sweet Caroline. 9 ran. 2½l, ½l, 4l, sh hd, 1½l. S Dow at Epsom. Tote: £4.20; £2.80, £4.00, £3.80. DF: £23.00. Trio: £69.10. CSF: £29.52. Tricast: £560.49.

Jackpot: £3,282.10 (0.1 winning tickets. Pool of £4,173.16 carried forward to Wolverhampton today).

Placepot: £8.50. Quadpot: £4.70.

Sheffield success sealed by Kelland

By Norman De Mesquita

WHILE Nottingham Panthers continue to dominate the premier division of ice hockey's British League, the battle for minor places seems to have come down to a straight fight between Sheffield Steelers and Edinburgh Racers, who both improved their prospects during the holiday period.

The Edinburgh club gained home and away wins over Fife Flyers and the Sheffield side a hard-earned success over Humberside Hawks.

After a scoreless first period, the Steelers took a 3-1 lead in the second, but the Hawks pulled back to within one goal less than four minutes from time, only for Chris Kelland to find an empty net to make the margin of victory 7-5.

A holiday double over Whitley Warriors, their neighbours, moved Durham Wasps away from the relegation zone and into eighth place. If they can consolidate, they will gain entry into the play-offs, although an injury to Damian Smith is a handicap they could do without.

Telford Tigers have discovered how important it is to have a full complement of talented British players. Since losing Norman Pinnington and David Smith, they have been beaten four times in seven games and have slipped to third place in the first division and been overtaken by Paisley Pirates, who have lost only once in their last 20 games and are only a point behind Slough Jets, who, however, have five games in hand.

Slough celebrated the new year with double-figure wins over Swindon Wildcats and Lee Valley Lions, who have now conceded 321 goals in 26 games.

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Dettori double

AFTER riding two winners at Southwell on Monday, Lanfranco Dettori continued his bright start to the year with a 5-1 double at Lingfield yesterday. He enjoyed an armchair ride on Neville Callaghan's Battleship Bruce (3-1 on), and followed up when making all the running on Birequest (7-2).

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The selector with the highest total will win a trip to Paris for two to see the France v England match in 1996. Second prize is a trip for two to Murrayfield for the 1996 Calcutta Cup match between Scotland and England. Third prize is two tickets for the Pilkington Cup final at Twickenham on May 6 as guests of Courage.

This is your last chance to *play the First XV game and* join 20,000 readers who entered the main, season-long competition. If you did enter at the start of the season but *would like to play in the* competition covering the second half only, this is your chance. But the closing date for entries by telephone is *midnight tonight and by post* noon on Saturday.

THE GAME PLAN

The Times Courage First XV revolves around the players listed below, who represent the 20 clubs in the top two divisions of the Courage Clubs *Championship. The object of* the game is to select the 15 players who between them score the highest number of rated points during the nine remaining league matches *this* season (the first is on Saturday, the last on April 29).

HOW TO SCORE

To calculate your team's *rated points multiply* the actual number of points scored by each player on the field by the rating beside his name on the positional playing field below.

Each Wednesday after a Courage Clubs Championship Saturday, the actual scores of all the first and second division players in the competition *will be published in The Times* together with their weekly scores and cumulative rated scores for both the whole season and the second half of the season.

The 50 leading selectors and their scores will be printed, together with the name and score of the weekly winner.

TEAM SELECTION

Select one player from each of the 15 positions below. Enter their code number beside their positional number on the *entry form — for example, if Jon* Callard is your selected full back, enter 001 beside position 15 on the entry form.

You must pick players only *for the positions under which* they have been listed, even if you know they sometimes play in other positions.

A minimum of five of your selected XV ***must be players* from second division clubs.** You may select **one kicker only** (denoted by a K after his name). If you pick fewer than *five second division players or* more than one kicker, your entry will be invalid.

The skill lies in weighing up the merits of a lower-rated, *frequent scorer against a high-*



rated player who is likely to score less often. You should also remember that some *clubs operate a rota system, so* not all players will play in every game. Towards the end of the season, with the World Cup looming, some senior players may be rested.

The list of players for the second half of the season shows some changes because of injuries and departures. The new players have a code number of more than 300 and *in five positions (numbers 2, 4,* 6, 7 and 13) no replacements have been picked.

These new players are eligible for the second-half competition only; selections for the first half and full season games are not affected.

The second half of the season kicks off on Saturday. *Bath, the first division leaders,* are away to their neighbours Bristol; Harlequins will be hoping for a revival of fortunes against Sale, their visitors, *while Leicester, with their* England lock forward, Martin Johnson, travel to Northampton. Two tries in the first half of the season gave Johnson *(player No 205) 320 rated* points.

It will be equally intriguing to see if Justin Nott can maintain his slender lead from *the first half of the season over* the other 20,000 people who entered the first half of the competition. The team selections submitted by all those entrants will remain valid for the competition covering the *whole season, with their cu*mulative scores from the first nine games carried forward to January. Each contestant is still in with a chance of *winning the star prize of* £10,000, the second prize of a trip for two to South Africa to see England's three World Cup pool games in Durban, or one of ten third prizes of a fully installed BT Satellite system, *two cases of Courage Direc*tors Bitter and two four-hour VHS video tapes.

The selector whose team achieves the highest number of points on each of the nine remaining Saturdays of the Courage Clubs Championship *— whether that team has been* entered for the competition covering the whole season or just for the second half — will win a fully installed BT satel*lite system and two cases of* Courage beer.

Each selector who wins any prize also wins a prize for their nominated rugby club. This can be *any* British rugby club: the winner does not have to be a player, or even a member. The winners' clubs will each receive five cases of Courage beer, a Courage Best England shirt, plus one of the following, *drawn at random:*

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By post: Complete the entry form below in block capitals (ignoring the Personal Identification Number — that is for telephone entries only) and send it, with a cheque/postal order for £1.50 made payable to First XV, to:

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1. *Fill in the entry form below* and have it in front of you when you telephone.
2. *The recorded message* will explain step by step what to do: basically, you will have to key in ("dial") the three-digit code for each of your 15 players.
3. You will then be asked for the name you want to give your team (which should have no more than 16 characters) followed by your own name and address and the name of your nominated rugby club. Speak slowly and clearly throughout this section, spelling out any difficult words.
4. Have a pen ready to take *down your Personal Identifi*cation Number.

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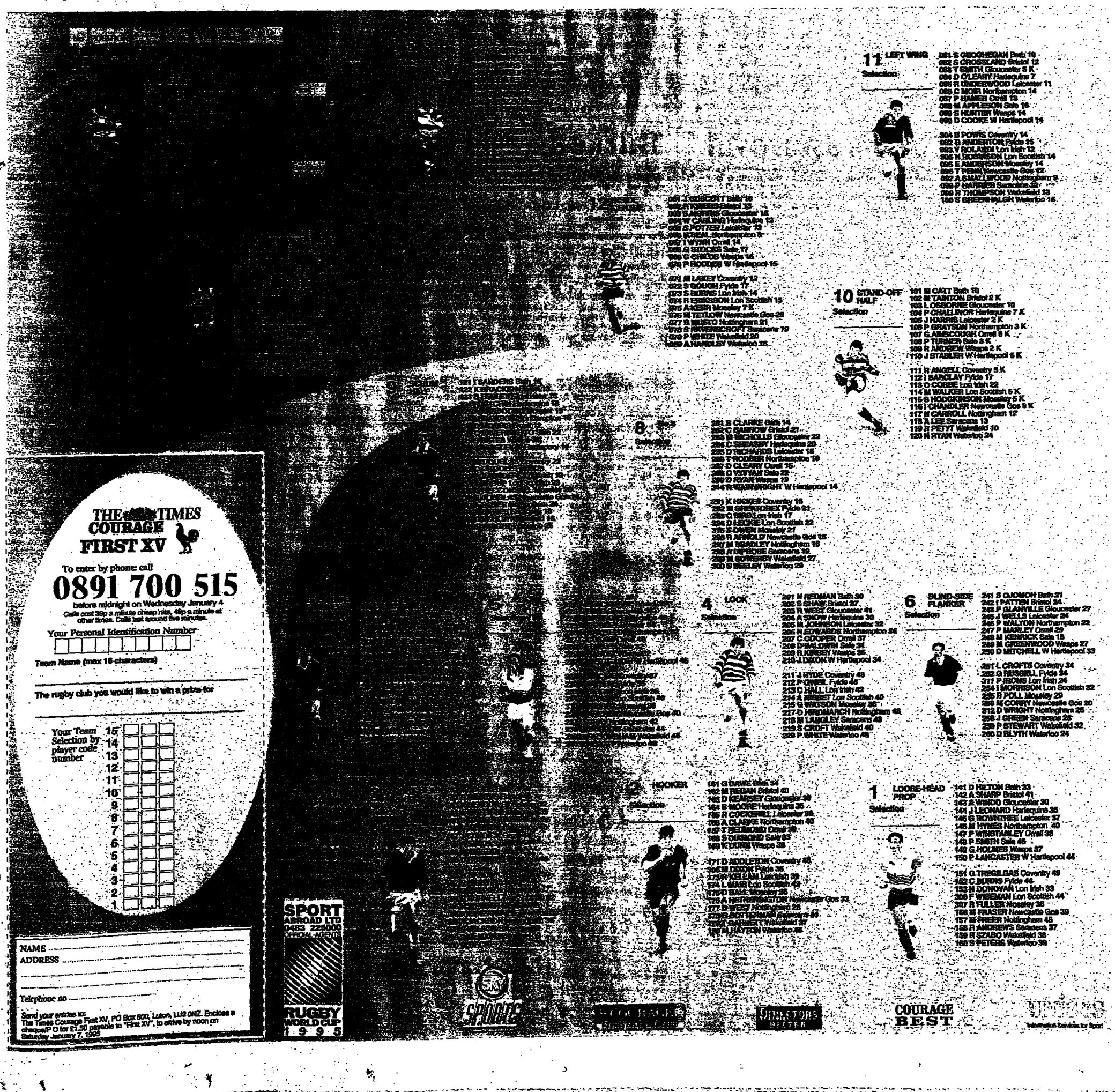
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Martin Johnson, Leicester's lock, scored 320 rated points with two tries in the first half of the season

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7. *If there are ties for any of the* prizes, there will be a further test *of skill to determine the winner.*



Former champion faces uncertain future after decision by Williams

Coulthard beats Mansell's challenge

By Oliver Holt

ONE puzzle is solved, another set. The Williams Formula One motor racing team announced yesterday what everybody had suspected for an age — that David Coulthard, the sport's brightest new talent, will partner Damon Hill next year. Then, it thanked Nigel Mansell as it told him there was no place for him and left the rest to speculate on whether grand prix racing had seen the last of the great entertainer.

Mansell has said repeatedly that he will race only for a team capable of providing him with a second world championship.

Williams has made its choice now, Benetton has said they it afford him, Ferrari that it is happy with Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger. Only McLaren — whose managing director, Ron Dennis, has traditionally been wary of Mansell — and premature retirement seem to remain.

Dennis refused to comment yesterday on speculation linking him with the 1992 world champion, who won the last of his 95 races for Williams in Adelaide in November, but sources close to the team confirmed that he was negotiating with Mansell, who is thought to have received a substantial pay-off from Williams under the terms of the agreement made when he left IndyCars last year.

McLaren, though, is also thought to be interested in the Christian Fittipaldi, of Brazil. Martin Brundle, who performed creditably with unreliable machinery last season, is keen to retain his seat alongside Mika Hakkinen. In Mansell's favour, Mercedes, McLaren's new engine partner, would welcome his presence as it embarks on the high-profile stage of its return to the sport.

In Formula One, almost anything is possible. Despite all the public utterances to the contrary, it has long been speculated that Alesi might move from Ferrari to McLaren, leaving a space for Mansell at the Italian team. There is also lingering doubt over Johnny Herbert's position as Schumacher's potential team-mate at Benetton. Renault, Benetton's new engine partner, is a confirmed Mansell admirer.

"With regard to my future, it is too early to comment further at this time," Mansell said yesterday. "I am pleased that the Williams team has made a decision regarding its driver line-up for 1995 and delighted for David that he has been given this fantastic opportunity."

Coulthard, who will earn an estimated salary of £500,000 next year, won legions of admirers with his poised, aggressive performances when he was thrown into the team in the wake of the death of Ayrton Senna. Ladbrokes have already installed him at 10-1 to win the title next year.

He raced in eight grands prix before Mansell returned from America, finishing second in Portugal, before becoming embroiled in a contractual dispute about whether Williams or McLaren had the first call on his services. Williams won the argument last month and, in tandem with Tim Wright, of the International Management Group, Coulthard's manager, moved quickly to construct a new and improved contract with the Scot, 23.

"I am delighted to have reached a fair agreement to race for Rothmans Williams Renault," Coulthard said. "I would love to race against Nigel if he is competing next year. I have admired his style and his commitment from an early age and he has showed he is still competitive."

Coulthard, who is assiduously courteous and eschews the affectations that often come with elevation to Formula One, had several disagreements with Hill last year. On one occasion, before the Belgian Grand Prix, they almost came to blows, but he insisted last night their differences were behind them.

"I don't think we will have any problems at all," he said. "Last season, with all its pressures and mixed emotions, was not the ideal time to get to know each other, but there will be no team orders this year and we will make a strong team. It may take me a couple of races to find my feet, but I will aim for points and podiums as soon as possible and then a win. Once that is out of the way, anything can happen."

"Formula One negotiations are not for the faint-hearted," Wright said, "but David now has an excellent contract and a fantastic team and is in control of his own career. To have won the seat from one of Formula One's established great stars shows just how highly Williams rate him."

MARTIN BEDDALL



Coulthard, standing in front of the striking design on a Williams team lorry yesterday, looks forward to next season in Formula One

Transformed by sport's fickle finger of fortune

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

The beginning of my sporting year was glumly predictable: a slog to Birmingham to watch, in freezing weather, a goalless draw. It was not the dullness or the cold that got to me: it was the numbing inevitability of both. For there are times when sport seems to be a parade of inevitabilities: the utterly predictable, from which there is no relief.

There are times when, in every sport, individuals or teams seem set forever in a pattern of misery and failure. If at first you don't succeed ... fail, fail, fail again.

This is something known by everyone who supports the same football team through thin and thin. That is to say, something known to every football supporter. And they all make jokes like that one. Gallows humour is soccer's staple, just as the stock emotion is a dull loathing of players, management and board.

In football, teams and individuals suffer sporadic outbreaks of the dread disease of goal-shyness. Players who can hit a 50-yard pass with micrometer precision belt five-yard tap-ins into the roof of the stands. Every time they do so, ever-increasing ineptitude and fear spreads through the side. Failure becomes not so much predictable as inevitable. Then, all at once, it changes.

Take John Jensen, the midfield player with Arsenal. He joined the club from Denmark more than two years ago and never scored. Until the Christmas rush: then he scored one of the goals of the season.

He passed two years, four months, two weeks, two days, one hour and 19 minutes without scoring. Then, with that hardest of things, a swerving power-shot, he damn near bust the net. What changed things? Why did this shot, of all shots, go in, when before he had hit every stanchion that Highbury possesses? I doubt if Jensen himself will ever know.

If he ever finds out, he should tell Crystal Palace. Not an individual with goal-shyness: an entire team. When I have seen them this season, they looked sharp and effective up front. So they are, barring the small matter of putting the ball into the onion-bag. They have now gone nine matches without a goal.

"I'm trying to laugh," Alan Smith, their manager, said — failing. Think of it: 13½ hours of inutility. Why, in that time you could listen to all of Beethoven's symphonies twice. Perhaps Crystal Palace should try doing so: listening to *Eroica* and *The Ode to Joy*, anyway.

Palace are hot in pursuit of records, set by Coventry City in 1919-1920 and Hartlepool United in 1992-93, of 11 league matches without scoring. They have a chance of beating the British record of 14 matches set by Stirling Albion in 1981. But more inevitable still than the glum inevitability of their scoreless run is the certainty that it will end.

Sport forever changes. The unbeatable are beaten, the all-conquering are conquered. Welsh rugby, Liverpool, McLaren Formula One motor racing team. In sport, change is the only true constant.

What, after all, was more inevitable than another dreadful England performance in the third Test match going on in Sydney? The worst team ever to leave these shores ... Bring 'em home ... Our manhood has gone soft. The glum cycle of inevitable defeat: surely no English team has won a Test in living memory.

And then, all at once, everything changes. We know how: a game, grinning fellow from Yorkshire. But why? And why now? If he is so game, how come he didn't do it before?

One of the constant fascinations of team games is the way the nature and the fortunes of an individual will affect the lives of all around him. One grinning fellow's defiance can infect a team; but so can a single man's misery. Ineptitude spreads like a pox: competent fielders can't catch or throw, canny footballers fail to trap a ball.

> 'Each small disaster then creates another'

Each small disaster then creates another. Rage and shame take possession of the team. Each moment of incompetence does not add to the total: it doubles it. Failure becomes a closed circuit of pressure that feeds on its own increase.

The teams and individuals move from incompetence to incompetence, trapped in the cycle of pressures. It seems impossible that the circuit can ever be broken. But, almost inevitably, the moment comes.

I predict, without fear, that some day soon, Palace will score a goal, win a football match, sing *The Ode to Joy*. I predict, too, that England will one day beat Australia, just as, a year ago, they beat West Indies in Barbados. I would even have predicted that one day Jensen would score a goal. He might score a dozen. Who knows? Sport changes.

It is one of the ineluctable facts of life that everything changes. Change is life: only the dead stay the same.

Last effort gains approval

By Nicholas Harling

ONE brief discussion made David Last believe the whole thing had been worthwhile. In saying how high he thought the standard of play had been in the final of the world invitation club basketball championships, which had featured two English clubs, the coach of the Dutch team, Mustang Jeans Den Helder, brought some comfort to the tournament director.

Once, Last presided over a tournament which attracted to the National Sports Centre at Crystal Palace among its 16 teams, some of the best sides in Europe and South America. Then, of course, Last had a leading sponsor in Philips Electronics. After ending its involvement in sports sponsorship, Philips was succeeded by Russell Athletic, but now, though still involved, the kit manufacturer is no longer considered a leading sponsor.

Philips's backing peaked at £100,000, and without it Last has struggled to keep his tournament going. He almost scrapped it altogether after the Wire Television Company pulled out in October, having indicated in May that it would be taking 24 hours of coverage. "It was too late to sign another television deal, and without TV coverage I couldn't sell it to anyone," he said. "We were talking to sponsors, but I had nothing to offer them. I couldn't even sell site [board] advertising."

When CSKA Sofia dropped out two days before the event because their sponsor was not allowed to sell its Bulgarian wine in London, Last had had enough. "I thought of giving it up," he said. "In future, my company [Sport and Inter-Media Ltd] will not be able to continually underwrite losses of £10,000 which we sustained this year."

But there is a glimmer of hope. It is provided by an as yet unnamed sponsor, which according to Last, is 95 per cent certain to support the event next season.

For the moment, Last will content himself with small mercies, such as the fact that he was spared a final between Den Helder and Honved, of Hungary. "The place would have been empty," he said. Thames Valley Tigers and London Towers, proceeded to put on a show in the final, especially the triumphant Tigers. "They were really something," Last said.

Burke spurns England in quest for Ireland honours

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

SURELY it could happen in no other country than Ireland: a Welshman, the former coach to an English club, now directing the affairs of an Irish club whose charges include a potential Irish stand-off half who once played representative rugby for England.

The Welshman is John Davies, Swansea-born and for so many years identified with Saracens but now on sabbatical with Cork Constitution. The player is Paul Burke, born and bred in England for whose schools, colts and under-21 sides he played before electing to take his chance with Ireland.

The two came together first when Davies, 51 and until recently senior master at Campion School, was helping with England's under-16 schools teams. Burke, 21, a product of Epsom College and Loughborough University, was making all the right (English) moves until, in 1993, he opted for his parents' country and emerged this season as Cork Constitution's stand-off, once more under the tutelage of Davies, who is that club's director of coaching.

Now Ireland's rugby community waits for Davies's team selection when the All-Ireland League resumes on Saturday and "Con", perched in mid-table with a game in hand, play Blackrock College. Burke will be there, playing opposite Alan McGowan, the youngster who made his international debut against the United States in November, but who will be his scrum half — Michael Bradley, the Ireland captain, or David O'Mahony?

O'Mahony, 24, has come racing up the half-back rankings this season. English followers of the game may recollect his appearance at centre for Oxford in the 1992 University match, but even then he was a scrum half manqué. Together, he and Burke helped Munster to the inter-provincial title this season, and, should Davies choose O'Mahony ahead of Bradley, he will create a problem for the Ireland selectors, who meet over the weekend to choose their side to play England on January 21.

The match includes potential international combinations, whoever plays. Perm any two from Bradley, O'Mahony, Burke, McGowan and Alain Rolland, the Blackrock scrum half. Toss in the name of Eric Elwood, who has been affected by injury. The return of Brendan Mullin, the rejuvenation of Philip Danaher, offer captaincy alternatives to Bradley.

It is a fascinating situation for Davies, who has to decide whether to swop his teacher's gown for that of rugby administration. Cork Constitution have given him the chance to extend those skills which were becoming, with Saracens, virtually a second full-time job.

As for Burke, now teaching at the Christian Brothers College in Cork, one more match should not make that much difference to the progress he has made. He is the form player, for club and province, but only six weeks ago McGowan was judged to be ahead of him, while Elwood has the experience. The likely prospect is that the selectors will stick with Elwood and play Burke in the A international against England.

Diccon Edwards will decide during the next few days whether to opt for England or Wales. The Wales teams to play France at senior and A levels will be named on Friday and the Leicester centre is expected to be in the A XV.



Bradley: under threat



Elwood: experienced

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INKY-PINKY

(b) Small beer. 1835, J. Maidment, *Galatians*: "Inky Pinky about seventy or eighty years since was used by the brewers in Stirlingshire to designate the smallest kind of beer."

KELPIE

(c) A smooth-coated, prick-eared, Australian sheep-dog, which may be black, black-and-tan, blue, or red; first bred from imported Scottish collies about 1870. 1934, *Bulletin*, February 14th: "Lassie was, like all kelpies, highly strung, with brains under her broad, thin-boned skull."

MEDEVAC

(a) A military helicopter for transporting wounded soldiers to hospital. "The wounded Aid Men continued to crawl about, administering care, but there would be no medevac, because there was no landing zone for it."

MOODLE

(a) To dawdle aimlessly, to idle time away. "Emily moodled about at weekends, watching old films, listening to opera and reading fashion magazines."

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1, Qh4+ Kg8; 2, Qh7+ Kf8; 3, Qh8+ Ke7; 4, Qxg7+ Ke8 (4, ... Kd6; 5, Rfd1+); 5, Qg8+ Bf8; 6, Qxg6+ mating.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	20	60	powder	powder	good	snow -1	3/1
(Vastly improved skiing; outlook excellent)							
Mayrhofen	20	50	good	powder	closed	snow -14	3/1
(Heavy snowfalls; good skiing but still odd worn patch)							
Obergurgl	35	95	good	varied	fair	sun -11	3/1
(Good skiing though strong winds causing problems)							
St Anton	30	180	powder	powder	fair	fair -14	3/1
(Excellent powder skiing everywhere; very cold)							
FRANCE							
Alpe d'Huez	60	130	good	powder	good	sun -16	3/1
(Superb snow and skiing; very cold)							
Les Arcs	35	155	good	powder	fair	fair -9	3/1
(Excellent skiing but cold; avalanche risk still high)							
Chamonix	30	280	good	powder	fair	fine -5	2/1
(Conditions generally excellent everywhere)							
Flaine	90	170	good	powder	good	fine -9	2/1
(Excellent skiing conditions; avalanche danger remains)							
Megeve	35	110	good	powder	fair	sun -6	3/1
(Excellent skiing everywhere; odd icy patch)							
S Chevalier	5	55	good	varied	art	fine -6	31/12
(Upper slopes skiing well; high windchill at altitude)							
Tignes	85	160	good	powder	good	sun -13	3/1
(Superb skiing but very cold; -28°C at 3,000 metres)							
Val d'Isère	75	180	good	powder	good	sun -12	3/1
(Wonderful snow and skiing; avalanche danger still high)							
ITALY							
Cervinia	60	200	good	crusty	good	fine -2	1/1
(Excellent skiing on all open pistes)							
SWITZERLAND							
Verbier	85	185	good	powder	good	fine -5	2/1
(Conditions could not be better; powder skiing all day)							
Wengen	50	80	good	powder	good	fine -9	3/1
(Glorious powder skiing; perfect conditions)							
Zermatt	20	180	good	varied	poor	sun -9	2/1
(Good skiing but very cold; windy at altitude)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

Swashbuckling Gough raises English hearts



Michael Henderson on the rise of a flamboyant Yorkshireman who thrives on the heat of battle

After two months of humiliation, England today went into the fourth day of the Sydney Test with an optimism unthinkable even two days ago. Australia's best chance of saving the game lies in the predicted thunderstorm. England's best chance of winning it is a human force called Darren Gough.

From the wreckage of the tour, Gough has not simply crawled. He has bounded. "The upstart Yorkshireman" as a Perth newspaper called him back in October, built so vigorously on the outstanding work of Atherton and Crawley, with bat as well as ball, that, win or draw, England may yet retrieve something worthwhile from the series.

Is it too much to hope that his spirit may infect others? Gough and, no less important, Angus Fraser showed up the specialist batsmen when their turn came. Graeme Hick and Graham Thorpe seem to have been marinated in a vat of despair. The less said of Mike Gatting, a fine and conscientious cricketer, the better. Neil Fairbrother must go straight into the side, if nothing else to jolly things along.

He can join Gough in the glee club. Yorkshire does not produce many cavaliers, and mention of Barnsley, Gough's home town, brings to mind Geoffrey Boycott and Dickie Bird, who would walk into any all-time worriers' XI. Gough, hewn from different stone, clearly believes the lady who sang the Sondheim song: "It's a very short road from the pinch and the punch to the paunch and the pouch and the pension."

The last cricketer to live through the game in such an unfettered way was Ian Botham, although comparisons can often mislead. By the time he was Gough's age, 24, Botham had performed the Test double of a thousand runs and 100 wickets in record time, and was captain of England. There are echoes of Botham's spirit, but Gough, to his credit, is very much his own man.

He was 19 when he first represented Yorkshire. The chubby chap who played against Middlesex at Lord's in April 1989 was memorably if inaccurately described by one writer as "the son of a Barnsley rat-catcher" (his father works for Rentokil) and the tag stuck. Like many other young cricketers to come out of Yorkshire, he was immediately smothered by songs of praise before he knew all the words. On the strength of some promising bowling performances, he became young "Dazzler".

He did not in fact make much progress until July 1993, when England were scouting round for bowlers to take on a weekend trip to Holland, of all unlikely places. It was at the Red and White Club in Haarlem that Gough became an international cricketer of sorts, albeit for an "England XI" that was doing missionary work. Furthermore, they were beaten. Nobody imagined then that within a year he would be a Test player.

On the A tour to South Africa last winter, Gough was a sophomore. "We need to know whether he will ever make a third seamer," Bob Bennett, the tour manager, said. He began the winter behind Bicknell, Ilott, Cork and McCague, and ended it, after a combination of injury and fortune reversal, as an England candidate.

His Test debut, against New Zealand at Old Trafford, was uninhibited. He bashed 65 runs in his first innings and took a wicket with his fifth ball. The crowd responded instantly to his winning manner. Playing for England meant more to him than offering a stepping-stone to commercial opportunity. As a cricketer, and a man, he is appealingly honest.

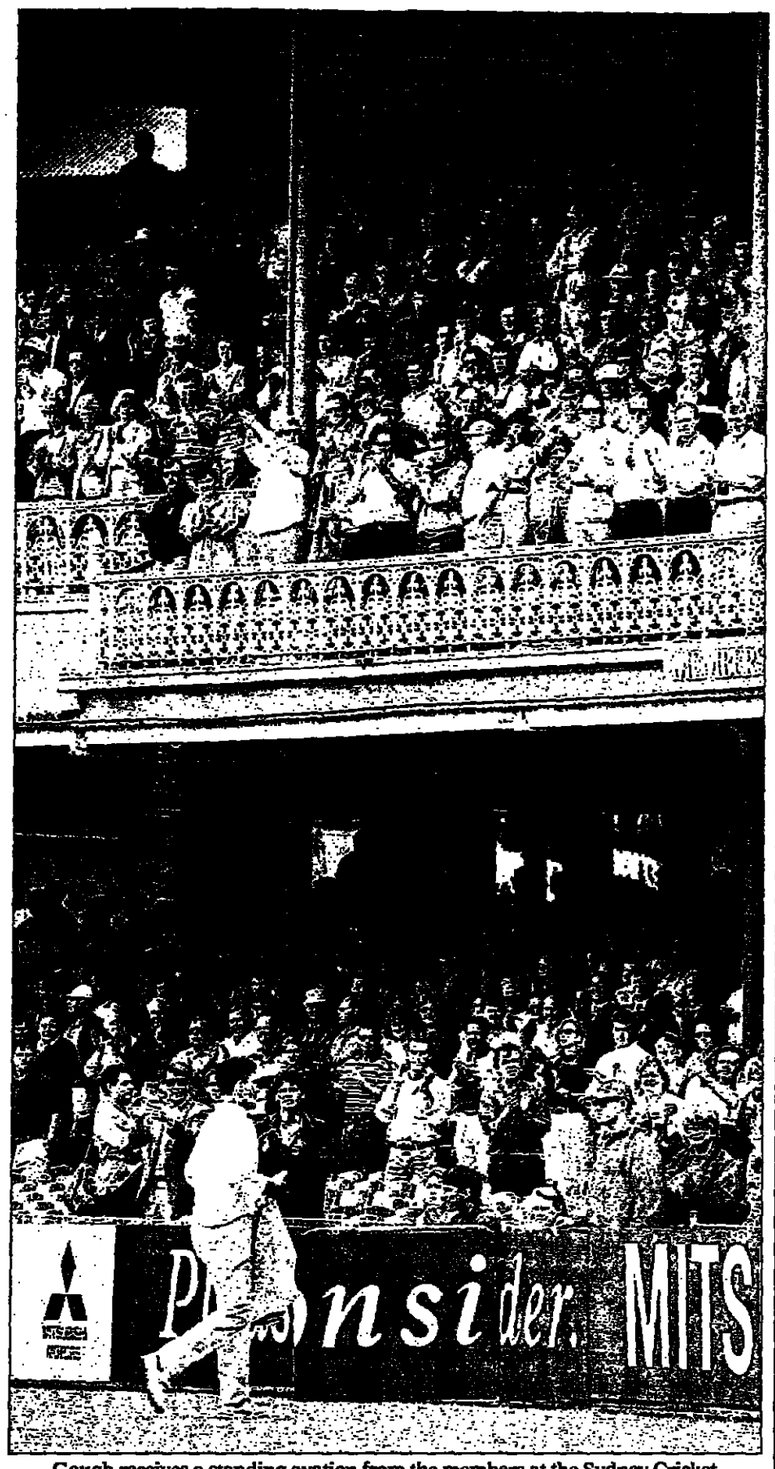
Atherton, a man of wide-ranging tastes and curious intellect, is as different to Gough as it is possible to be, yet he values the bowler's spirit more than anyone. "We could do with a few more like him," he said. We could also do with a few more batsmen making 1,000 runs in a calendar year, as the England captain has just done, but there is nothing young Gough can do about that.

There is no doubting his talents. As a bowler, he is capable of high pace, as Hansie Cronje, now the South Africa captain, discovered at Headingley last summer. His strength lies in an ability to cut and swing the ball into the right-hander, and his variety. He has a sharp bouncer, an excellent yorker and a good slower ball. Best of all, he is never afraid.

Ultimately, comparisons count for little. No matter what the likes of Fred Trueman may say, the game changes from one generation to the next. "Don't call him the new Botham," Atherton said last night. "Too many have lived and died by that. Just say he is the new Darren Gough."

DARREN GOUGH

BORN: Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, September 18 1970.
HEIGHT: 5ft 11in. Weight: 12st 8lb.
FAMILY: Wife Anna-Marie and son Liam (born November 1994).
FIRST-CLASS DEBUT: April 1989 v Middlesex at Lord's. Took five wickets.
BEST BOWLING: 7-42 v Somerset, Taunton, 1993.
HIGHEST SCORE: 72 v Northamptonshire, Northampton, 1991.
TEST AVERAGES (seven matches): Batting: 10 innings, 3 not outs, 244 runs, average 34.85. Bowling: 1771 balls, 918 runs, 36 wkts, average 25.52.



Gough receives a standing ovation from the members at the Sydney Cricket Ground after rocking Australia with six for 49. Photograph: Graham Morris

SPORT IN BRIEF

Foster plays leading short-course role

MARK FOSTER led a successful opening session by Britain's swimmers on the first day of the World Cup short-course meeting in Hong Kong. Foster, a Commonwealth Games gold medal-winner who also reached the world championship final in Rome last year, won the 50 metres butterfly and finished third in the 100 metres freestyle. Michelle Smith, of Ireland, was the British Isles's most successful women swimmer, winning the 100 metres butterfly and the 200 metres individual medley.

Kathy Osher trailed in third behind Sandra Volker, of Germany — who set a world record — in the 50 metres backstroke. Volker clocked 27.86sec, beating the previous best of 27.93sec by Angel Martino, of the United States. Martino's record, set at Sabadell, Spain, in December 1993, was smashed twice last year by Bai Xiuyu, of China, but her time of 27.62sec was erased from the record books after she tested positive for ephedrine and banned for a month.

Family celebrates

TENNIS: The brother-sister combination of Andrei Medvedev and Natalia Medvedeva earned Ukraine a 2-1 victory over the United States and a place in the semi-finals of the Hopman Cup in Perth yesterday. The American team of Richey Reneberg and Lindsay Davenport had been seeded to face the Czech Republic in the last four, but were struggling from the moment Davenport lost 4-6, 4-6 to Medvedeva in the opening singles. Reneberg and Medvedev produced a high-class men's singles encounter before Medvedev won 6-7, 7-6, 6-3.

☐ Jeremy Bates, of England, beat Joern Renzenbrink, of Germany, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in the first round of the Australian men's hard-court championships in Adelaide.

Malaysian topples seed

SQUASH: Hopes of a home success in the Commercial Union British boys under-19 championship were probably enhanced by the removal of the last two Egyptians in the third round at Lambs Club yesterday, but there were signs of a new threat from Malaysia (Colin McQuillan writes). Iain Higgins, of Essex, who defeated Karim Algahamy 9-3, 9-0, 9-3, looks set for a quarter-final against Marcus Cowie, from Norfolk. But in the quarter above them, Arnold Lai, of Malaysia, came through, and Michael Soo, his compatriot, unexpectedly beat Miko Monto, of Finland, the No 5 seed.

Taylor's challenge

DARTS: Phil Taylor, the winner of the Proton Cars world championship, yesterday threw down a challenge to the British Darts Organisation (BDO), the official ruling body of the game in Britain. Taylor, who beat Rod Harrington 6-2 in the final at Purfleet in an event staged by the breakaway World Darts Council, said: "I want to play the winner of the Embassy world championship [which is organised by the BDO and ends on Sunday] to decide who is the real world champion." Taylor, from Stoke, won the Embassy title in 1990 and 1992.

Solanki lifts England

CRICKET: The England under-19 team opened their tour of West Indies with a comfortable seven-wicket victory over Barbados at the Kensington Oval. Matthew Dimond, of Somerset, took three wickets for 28 and Wikram Solanki, of Worcestershire, three for 14 as Barbados, put in to bat, were dismissed for 113 in a match restricted by rain to 38 overs per side. England reached the target for the loss of three wickets, with Marcus Trescothwick (26) and Chris Schofield, the Yorkshire player, putting on 47 for the first wicket and Solanki hitting an unbeaten 41.

Cornhuskers take title

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Nebraska outpointed Penn State in the Associated Press media poll to capture the United States college championship yesterday. Although both teams were undefeated, voters clearly preferred Nebraska after the Cornhuskers beat Miami 24-17 in the Orange Bowl and Penn State defeated Oregon 38-20 in the Rose Bowl. It is the first national title for Tom Osborne, the Nebraska coach, although he has the best winning percentage of any active coach, and the first championship for the Cornhuskers since they won consecutive crowns in 1970-71.

Thomson breaks through

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SHANE THOMSON, the New Zealand off spinner, captured three wickets in quick succession to check South Africa as they threatened to take charge in the third and final Test match in Cape Town yesterday.

Thomson ended a first-wicket stand of 106, removing Rudolf Steyn and Gary Kirsten, the openers, and also dismissed Daryll Cullinan. By the close on the second day, South Africa were 152 for three in reply to New Zealand's first innings of 288 in the deciding game of the series which is level 1-1.

Steyn and Kirsten made a good start before Thomson put a brake on the scoring as well as making inroads into the top order. After a promising debut innings in Test cricket, Steyn played around a straight ball and was adjudged leg-before for 38.

Kirsten then tried to sweep Thomson and was bowled round his legs for 64, and Cullinan, having made five, pulled a short ball and was caught by a leaping Bryan Young at mid-wicket. John Commins (22 not out) and Hansie Cronje (11 not out), the captain, guided South Africa through the remaining phase of the day.

New Zealand extended their overnight 211 for six to 288 all out, having been 96 for five at one stage. Stephen Fleming made 79, sharing a seventh-wicket stand of 66 with Matthew Hart (24).

Fleming's score, originally given as 78, was increased by one run after television cameras showed that Fanie de Villiers had been over the boundary when he fielded a shot from the left-hander. Fleming's wicket was one of three to fall to Steven Jack, the fast bowler, who ended with four for 69. Brian McMillan finished with four for 65.

☐ Allan Donald, the South Africa fast bowler, is visiting a surgeon tomorrow to obtain clearance to play after treatment for a cyst on his toe. He hopes to play in the Mandela Trophy finals, which start on Tuesday, as well as the one-off Test match against Pakistan at the Wanderers, in Johannesburg, later this month.

CAPE TOWN SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

B A Young lbw b McMillan	45
D J Murray c Kirsten b McMillan	5
†A C Parore run out	2
M D Crowe c Richardson b Jack	18
*K R Rutherford c Kirsten b McMillan	56
S A Thomson b McMillan	0
S P Fleming b Jack	79
M N Hart c Richardson b Jack	24
S P Doull c Cronje b Jack	6
D K Morrison not out	0
C Pringle b de Villiers	30
Extras (lb 13, nb 10)	23
Total	288

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-19, 3-61, 4-93, 5-95, 6-179, 7-244, 8-254, 9-254

BOWLING: de Villiers 28.5-7-90-1; Jack 27-7-68-4; McMillan 26.5-65-4; Cronje 5-3-8-0; Eksteen 26-10-36-0; Kirsten 2-0-7-0.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

G Kirsten b Thomson	64
P J R Steyn lbw Thomson	38
J B Commins not out	22
D J Cullinan c Young b Thomson	5
*W J Cronje not out	11
Extras (lb 3, w 1, b 2, nb 6)	12
Total (3 wkts)	152

J N Rhodes, B M McMillan, †D J Richardson, S D Jack, C E Eksteen and P S de Villiers to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-106, 2-119, 3-125.

BOWLING: Morrison 12-4-38-0, Doull 14-5-25-0; Hart 20-4-47-0; Pringle 6-2-14-0; Thomson 13-3-23-3

Cork leads A team rally

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

DOMINIC CORK, who would have been switched to Australia had the England cricket selectors decided to replace the injured Craig White with another all-rounder, shrugged aside any disappointment he might have felt by contributing a purposeful, unbeaten 52 to the England A score of 221 for six on the opening day of the four-day game against India Youth at Bombay yesterday.

Despite a good innings of 59 from Mark Ramprakash, who batted skilfully for three hours, England A were in some trouble at 125 for five when Cork went out to join Paul Weekes to begin a partnership which was worth 92 when the Middlesex player fell for 39 just before the close.

"I like those situations; they tend to bring out the best in me," Cork said. He sprinted from the field both at the tea interval and at the close, when he had faced 95 balls in 131 minutes and hit seven fours.

But he was not a man in a hurry because he was suffering from early symptoms of tummy trouble. "It was hot out there and I just wanted to get back into the cool of the dressing-room," he said. "Also, I was struck on the right thumb late in the day, so I wanted to get that checked out at the end."

Cork has played five one-day internationals for England and a World Cup place beckons next winter, but he desperately wants to break through at Test level. To do that, he knows he must improve his batting.

"I have to make it at Test level as an all-rounder, so today was a pleasing start, especially as the ball was moving around quite a bit in the air and off the pitch," he said. "As a bowler, I was quite happy to see that."

Ramprakash's Test average — 16.69 from 14 matches and 24 innings — has left him with much to prove on this two-month tour as he aims to rebuild his senior career.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A: First innings

J E R Gallian b Mhambrey	4
N V Knight c Dighe b Kamal	16
M R Ramprakash lbw b Siddiqui	59
*A P Wells c Dighe b Rao	21
D L Hemp lbw b Mhambrey	7
P N Weekes c Laxman b Kamal	33
D G Cork not out	52
I D K Salisbury not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 9, w 3, nb 10)	29
Total (6 wkts)	221

†P A Nixon, G Chapple and R D Stemp to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-49, 3-106, 4-125, 5-125, 6-217

BOWLING: Mhambrey 19-6-40-2, Siddiqui 17-3-36-1, Kamal 17-3-41-2, Rao 19-6-48-1, Vij 19-8-40-0

INDIAN YOUTH XI: S Dighe, A Muzumdar, Z Bharucha, J Singh, V V S Laxman, S Sarath, P Mhambrey, I Siddiqui, O Kamal, B V Vij, B Rao

Umpires: A Jayaprakash and J Singh

THE TIMES

Win the trip of a lifetime to the biggest party in history

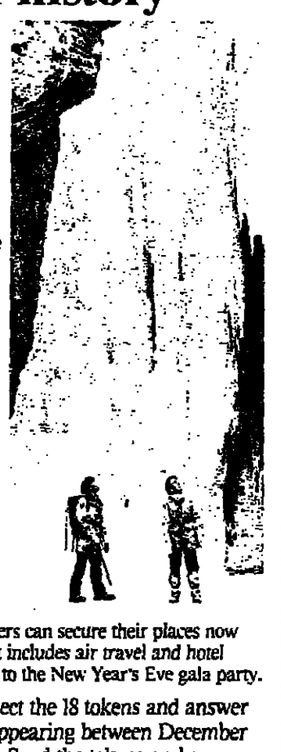
Today is day nine of *The Times* Millennium 2000, which offers readers the opportunity to spend New Year's Eve 1999 crossing the International Date Line to both Fiji and the Cook Islands to see in the new millennium twice. First prize is a 28 day world air cruise for two culminating in New Year 1999 in Fiji and the Cook Islands to join in the festivities. The trip takes in Dubai, Thailand, Singapore, Tucson, Washington and Sydney. It includes helicopter sightseeing over the Fiji Islands and hot-air ballooning over the Arizona desert, and would cost £64,000 to book in 1999.

A second prize of a ten day stay for two in Fiji and the Cook Islands worth up to £7,000 and a third prize of two tickets chosen from any of the millennium party venues available to readers are also on offer.

Should you be unsuccessful in the competition, you can still take part in the festivities by booking the Fiji and Cook Islands trip separately or taking advantage of our selection of deluxe party venues round the world.

The parties are the brainchild of The Millennial Foundation, a non profit-making charity which is organising fundraising parties to help specific local charities across the world. In St Petersburg, for instance, the money will help restore the Hermitage gallery and fund the Kirov Ballet.

You could, for example, celebrate the dawn of the new millennium in majestic Alaska, land of glaciers, mountains and diverse and abundant wildlife. The gala party will be on Mount Alyeska, with breathtaking views. Your stay at the Alkeska Prince Hotel in Girdwood would cost £3,250 per person in 1999, but readers can secure their places now for £2,250 each. Commencing December 28, 1999, the cost includes air travel and hotel accommodation and your ticket to the New Year's Eve gala party.



TOKEN 9



Question 9
Who was credited with having been the first European to have set foot in Alaska in 1741?

To enter the competition collect the 18 tokens and answer the 18 questions which are appearing between December 26 and Saturday January 14. Send the tokens and answers on a separate sheet of paper, stating in not more than 15 words why you would like to join in the celebrations, to: *The Times* Millennium 2000 Competition, 5 Brittons Court, London EC88 6NG. Closing date January 31, 1995. Normal *Times* competition rules apply.

Details of how to book the millennium gala parties, which appeared last week, will appear again on Saturday. Further information about the parties can be obtained by writing to: Millennium 2000 Ltd, Freepost GW 7623, Glasgow G3 7BR.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

TEMPE, Arizona: Fiesta Bowl: Colorado 41 Notre Dame 24.
PASADENA: Rose Bowl: Penn State 38 Oregon 20.
ORLANDO: Citrus Bowl: Alabama 24 Ohio State 17.
NEW ORLEANS: Sugar Bowl: Florida State 23 Florida 17.

BASKETBALL

CRYSTAL PALACE: WICB tournament: Men: Final: Thames Valley 98 (Scandlebury 24, Bucknall 18, Holley 16) London 85 (Windless 31, Lewis 27).

CRICKET

BARBADOS: Tour match (one day): Barbados 113; England under-19 117-3. England under-19 won by 7 wkts.
SHEFFIELD SHIELD (final day of four): Adelaide: South Australia 524-8 dec; Victoria 315 and 167 (S George 4-31, P McIntyre 4-60). South Australia won by an innings and 42 runs.
EAST LONDON: Tour match (third day of four): Border 222 and 79-0; Sri Lankans 454 (A P Gurusinha 117, A Ranasinga 116, E Upeshantha 57, J Ehrke 4-85, P Emslie 4-86).

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: Port Talbot Wheelers (Goytre, West Glamorgan, 9.5 miles): 1, J Winn (Extreme CC), 51min 05sec; 2, D Walker (Abergavenny RC), at 1:30; 3, G Richardson (Royal Sutton CC), at 2:30.
COLOGNE: Six-day track final: 1, K Betschart and B Risi (Swit) 271 pts; 2, D Woods (Aus) and J Madsen (Den) 284, at 1 lap; 3, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel) 224, at 2.

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN: British Darts Organisation world championship: First round: A Fordham (Eng) bt N Turner (Eng) 3-2; P Williams (Eng) bt B Taylor (Scot) 3-0; S Palfrey (Wales) bt A Jenkins (Eng) 3-1; R Stewart (Aus) bt A Brown (Sco) 3-2; R Burnett (Wales) bt P Wright (Eng) 3-1; P Hogan (Eng) bt P Skau (Den) 3-1.

FOOTBALL

Monday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Tottenham Hotspur 1 Arsenal 0.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Luton Town 0 Charlton 1 Athletic.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 7 Bracknell 4; Durham 5 Whitley Bay 2; Peterborough 7 Milton Keynes 10; Sheffield 7 Humberside 5. First division: Chelmsford 7 Guildford 4; Dumfries 13 Teesside 6 Paisley 11 Blackburn 4; Solihull 8 Medway 4; Trafford 7 Telford 5.

MOTOR RALLYING

ER RACHIDIA, Morocco: Granada to Dakar rally: Second stage: Cars: 1, B Saby (Mitsubishi Pajero, Fr) 2hr 29min 24sec; 2, J-P Fontenay (Mitsubishi Pajero, Fr) at 25sec; 3, P Lartigue (Citroen ZX, Fr) at 1min 44sec; 4, T Salonen (Citroen ZX, Fin) at 3:59; 5 A Vatanen (Citroen ZX, Fin) at 4:37. Overall: 1, Salonen 4hr 43min 58sec; 2, Lartigue at 1min 26sec; 3, Vatanen at 3:40. Motorcycles: 1, D Laporte (Yamaha, US) 2hr 45min 32sec; 2, J Arcarons (Cagiva, Sp) at 28sec; 3, H Kingadner (KTM, Austria) at 41; 4, S Peterhansel (Yamaha, Fr) at 1min 03sec; 5, T Magnaldi (Yamaha, Fr) at 4:05. Overall: 1, Kingadner 6hr 04min 42sec; 2, Peterhansel at 1min 07sec; 3, Arcarons at 6:50.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Cancelled: Haddington v Preston Lodge.

SQUASH

LAMBS CLUB, London: Commercial Union British Junior open championships (England unless stated). Boys under-16: Second round: J Russell bt M Knight 9-0, 9-0, 9-1.

SWIMMING

HONG KONG: Shortcourse meeting: Men: 50m breaststroke: 1, M Wamecke (Ger) 27.85sec; 2, A Wong (HK) 30.28; 3, Tam Chi-Kin (HK) 30.97. 50m butterfly: 1, M Foster (GB) 24.69; 2, C-C Brammer (Ger) 25.16, 3, Vesa Hanski (Fin) 25.21; 4, M Fibbens (GB) 25.59. 100m freestyle: 1, S Gunzel (Ger) 49.88, 2, Fibbens 50.17; 3, Foster 50.27. 100m backstroke: 1, J Letzin (Ger) 55.11, 2, E Merisi (It) 55.53; 3, Z Hegmeg (Swe) 56.15. 100m individual medley: 1, C Keller (Ger) 56.59sec; 2, X Marchand (Fr) 58.24; 3, R Seibt (Germany) 58.74; 6, M Fibbens (GB) 59.35. 200m breaststroke: 1, L Secchi (It) 2.17.92, 2, Tam Chi-Kin (HK) 2.22.87. 200m butterfly: 1, Bremer 1:57.26; 2, V Hanski (Fin) 1.58.42; 3, B Leung (HK) 2.09.08. 400m freestyle: 1, S Zesnir (Ger) 3.48.08; 2, J Hoffmann (Ger) 3.48.51; 3, P M Sciaiano (It) 3.48.71, 4, P Bawster (GB) 3.58.74. 400m individual medley: 1, R Seibt (Ger) 4.11.37, 2, M Wainsko (Pol) 4.12.40; 3, L Secchi (It) 4.14.12. Women: 50m freestyle: 1, F Van Almsick (Ger) 25.11, 2, T Jeffs (NZ) 26.47; 3, M Parssinen (Fin) 26.54. 50m backstroke: 1, S Volker (Ger) 27.86 (world record); 2, M Jacobsen (Den) 29.25, 3, K Osher (GB) 29.84. 100m breaststroke: 1, B Becue (Bel) 1.08.99, 2, M Neckel (Ger) 1.09.71; 3, S Pudenich (Ger) 1.10.14. 100m butterfly: 1, M Smith (Ire) 59.99; 2, C Jearson (Fr) 1.00.59; 3, M Jacobsen (Den) 1.00.69. 200m freestyle: 1, Van Almsick 1.57.02, 2, J Jung (Ger) 2.01.97; 3, R Lamsam (HK) 2.03.56. 200m backstroke: 1, M Jacobsen (Den) 2.12.03, 2, F Selvaleo (It) 2.12.43; 3, J Deakins (GB) 2.12.87, 4, K Osher (GB) 2.15.29. 200m individual medley: 1, M Smith (Ire) 2.13.46, 2, D Hunger (Ger) 2.13.76, 3, B Becue (Bel) 2.13.81, 5, H Slater (GB) 2.20.78. 800 freestyle: 1, J Jung (Ger) 8.44.17; 2, E Carlsson (Swe) 9.07.86; 3, C Saunders (HK) 9.09.45.

TABLE TENNIS

MANSFIELD: England v China: (English division: Blackburn v Liverpool (Wigan FC), Coventry v Derby, Stoke v Nottingham Forest, Sunderland v Bolton; West Bromwich Albion v Manchester United. Second division: Barnsley v Blackpool; Hull v Sheffield Wednesday, York v Grimsby, Oldham v Port Vale.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round replay: Swindon v Portsmouth.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Second division
Barrow v Dewsbury (7.30).

RUGBY UNION

Representative match
Midland Schools v Australia Schools (Bedford, 6.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Birmingham v Worthing (8.0).
DARTS: Embassy world championship (Frimley Green).
TABLE TENNIS: English Open (Thornaby).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Rangers v Celtic.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Third division: Collier Row v Clapton.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Christchurch v Eastleigh.
UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Unitiba First division Cup: Second round: Warrington v Caernarfon.
AVDN INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Luton (7.15); Bristol Rovers v Arsenal (Yate Town), Chelsea v Bristol City (Kingstonian FC, 7.0); Oxford Utd v West Ham, Queens Park Rangers v Norwich (Harrow Borough, 7.0); Southampton v Watford (Marchwood FC); Swindon v Portsmouth; Wimbledon v Tottenham (Plough Lane, 2.0). Postponed: Ipswich v Charlton; Millwall v Crystal Palace. League Cup: Cardiff v Birmingham (2.0), Exeter v Torquay (7.0); Hereford v Cheltenham (7.45); Swansea v Bath (7.45); Yeovil v Plymouth (7.45).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0). First

YACHTING

ADELAIDE: Flying Dutchman world championship: Positions after three heats: 1, S Mellhenny (Hun); 2, I McCrossin (Aus), 3, R Cipriani (It), 4, D Fagan (US); 5, H-A Koenig (Ger), 6, P Francis (NZ); 7, B Leckie (Aus), 8, T Anderson (Aus), 9, E Koestler (Ger), 10, N Rydge (Aus) (names first): A Perry lost to Xiong Ke 15-21, 21-13, 11-21; A Cooke bt Li Jing 21-14, 21-16. M Syed lost to Jiang Shan 15-21, 15-21. Cooke lost to Xiong 14-26, 21-14, 15-21. Billington lost to Li 19-21, 16-21. Perry lost to Jiang 13-21, 19-21. Match result: England 1 China 5. China lead six-match series 32 to 11.

TENNIS

PERTH: Hopman Cup: First round: Ukraine 2 Sweden 1, France 2 Holland 1. Quarter-finals: Czech Republic 2 Australia 1. (Czech names first) J Novotna bt K Radford 6-3, 6-3, P Korda bt P Cash 2-6, 6-3, 7-6. Kratzi and Novotna lost to Cash and K Radford 3-6, 4-6. Ukraine 2 United States 1. (Ukraine names first) N Medvedeva bt L Davenport 6-0, 6-4; A Medvedev bt R Reneberg 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. Medvedev and Medvedeva lost to Reneberg and Davenport 3-6, 2-6.
ADELAIDE: Men's tournament: First round (Australia unless stated): J Stoltenberg bt N Kulti (Swe) 7-5, 6-3; J Courier (US) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 7-6, 6-1; D Vacek (Cz) bt A O'Brien (US) 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; R Krajicek (Holl) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-2, 6-3; J Bates (GB) bt J Renzenbrink (Ger) 6-4, 4-5, 6-4; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt W Ferreira (SA) 7-6, 6-2; H Holm (Swe) bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; M Woodforde bt M Goellner (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; T Enqvist (Swe) bt D Adams 6-4, 6-3; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Ondruska (SA) 7-6, 6-1.
DOHA, Qatar: Men's tournament: First round: K Alami (Mor) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 5-7, 6-3, 7-5; J Sanchez (Sp) bt J Eltingh (Holl) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; K Braasch (Ger) bt S Noszaly (Hun) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; M Zoecke (Ger) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
SHEFFIELD: LTA winter series: Final: Men: M Furness (Fr) bt A Kershaw (Durham and Cleveland) 6-4, 7-6. Women: K Warne-Holland (Cheshire) bt K Webster (Derbyshire) 6-0, 6-0.

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Celtic hope for glory against all odds

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

THE Old Firm match, always distinctive, has become downright peculiar in recent years. Each team has begun to bask in the torrid atmosphere of the other's stadium. Of Celtic's three league victories in the fixture over the past three seasons, two have come at Ibrox. Three of Rangers' four wins in that period have been recorded at their rivals' home.

Such arcana may not be uppermost in the Celtic players' minds as they wait nervously in the Ibrox dressing room before the match this evening, but even obscure encouragement is welcome for Tommy Burns's team. The manager's squad is depleted by injury and, in any case, this is a particularly bad time to share a pitch with the champions. On Saturday, Rangers established a ten-point lead in the premier division.

Walter Smith naturally made the customary remarks admonishing anyone who dares to presume that a seventh consecutive title for his team can now be taken for granted. There was merit, too, in his observation that the introduction of three points for a win increases the volatility of the league. "You can remain undefeated," he said, "and still drop a lot of points."

The strength of Rangers's position, however, is not predominantly numerical. It is the manner of their recent performances that argues that the efforts of rivals are futile. The suppleness of their midfield play has been accentuated over the past month as, with both Ally McCoist and Mark Hateley missing matches, Rangers have been willing to explore the less familiar routes to the opposition's goal.

That wit and variety means that Smith will not be unduly troubled if, as expected, the two strikers are absent tonight. The club's fluent football was recognised yesterday when Smith collected the Bell's manager-of-the-month award, while the player's prize was given to Brian Laudrup.

Burns paid Rangers's Denmark international a heartfelt, if less elaborate, tribute of his own. "He is," the Celtic manager said, "a hell of a player." Stopping him this evening is an unenviable task for a depleted squad. Celtic have doubts over several members of the first team, including Peter Grant, who has a throat infection.

Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, learnt yesterday that Roy Keane has been booked in for a hernia operation by Manchester United in May. Keane will miss the European championship matches against Liechtenstein and Austria.

Burns will, therefore, be obliged to depend on a batch of youngsters that he has been introducing gradually to the side. Chris Hay, Brian McLaughlin, Simon Donnelly, Stuart Gray, Barry Smith and Jim Slavin all feature in the pool for the match tonight. None is over 21. "I hope they will show they can do a job for us," Burns said.

He knows, however, that frisky youths cannot be expected to restore the club. Indeed, the manager, who has about £5 million at his disposal, is expected to move into the transfer market shortly. Burns has been scanning the Continent, where he feels better value for money can be found, but, although he has watched a number of matches in Holland, Celtic are also taking a keen interest in Russian players who are based in Spain.

There is informed speculation that Burns will make a bid for Oleg Salenko, the Russia forward, who is with Valencia and who set a record for the World Cup finals by scoring five times in a match with Cameroon in the United States last year. He subsequently lost his place in the national squad and is out of favour with his club since the arrival there of Carlos Alberto Parreira, who managed the 1994 Brazilian World Cup-winning team.

However, no glamorous signings will be rushing to Celtic's rescue in time for the Old Firm game. By any objective measurement, Burns's team is unqualified for its ordeal this evening. Rangers stand 17 points ahead in the league. "That does hurt," Burns said, "but there's nothing we can do except try and cut it to 14 points."

Celtic have not won an Old Firm match at new year since 1988. It is possible that the satellite coverage tonight, under Scottish football's new deal with Sky television, will simply introduce the club's troubles to a wider audience. Sky is billing the match as "the biggest derby in the world", and a spokesman said yesterday: "I haven't met anyone from Milan yet to argue the point."

RADIO CHOICE

Whoops! It's all in sport

Sporting Gaffes. *Radio 5 Live, 9.35pm.*

I do not know how many of the hilarious blunders now available in a BBC Enterprises cassette will eventually end up in tonight's selection. But, for your sake, I hope some of my own favourites will not have been dropped. Many are from sporting commentaries. There is Nastase, not being "beaten" by his opponent, but "bitten" by him. There is Navratilova winning in "straight sex". There is the confusion-covered commentator who falls into the waiting hole when talking about someone "sitting on a shooting stick". And, unforgettably, there is Max Robertson at Wimbledon, wondering aloud who will be in the doubles finals, and being diplomatically reminded by Christine Truman that he is *watching* them!

Unbroken Voices. *Radio 4, 2.45pm.*

Sarah McCrum's series inhabits what she calls "an entirely adult-free zone". All the contributors are aged between eight and 14 and there is a rich racial mix. No parents' voices; but the talk rarely strays from the subject of grown-ups. There is much wisdom in what these youngsters have to say. Some parents I know should make a special effort to listen to these uninhibited testaments. Typical of them: "To learn, we must understand our parents — but they must understand us, too." Another junior sage, whose racial origins are not stated, affectingly declares: "It is very important to us not to lose this period of our life because we are not many times kids." Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa L'Anson with the Lunchtime Show, *including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat* 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, *incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat* 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Bits from Last Week's Radio: Greg Proops *presents a new series* 10.00 Mark Radcliffe Midnight Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Fiona Armstrong 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 8.00 Eurofolk In Concert: Loznitsa from Bulgaria 8.30 Songs Sung in . . . John Howson explores traditional singing in Oxfordshire 9.00 Anita Bhatia's Across Two Cultures: in conversation with the actor Saeed Jaffrey 9.30 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

Midnight Test Match Special: Fourth day of the third Test 7.00 The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine with Diana Madill, including at 10.15 Health and Fitness Campaign; 10.35 Euronews 11.00 Natural History 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Liz Barclay with Moneycheck 2.05 Fluxcoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night 9.35 Sporting Gaffes: See Choice 10.05 News Talk, with Jeremy Vine 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight Midnight Test Match Special: The fifth and final day of the third Test from Sydney

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 *Oscar and Lucinda* 7.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 It's Your Business 8.30 Megamix 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 *Country Style* 9.30 *Crisis in the Family* 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 New Ideas 12.35 Artists in a Nutshell 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 *Oscar and Lucinda* 2.45 Good Books 3.00 News 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Quote, Unquote 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 World Business Report 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 News 7.05 Outlook 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Multiracic X-Press 12.00 News 12.15 The Greenfield Collection 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Farming 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Sport 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Assignment 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Robert Booth 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert: Sacred music from the Classical era 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Paul Coyte 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyte 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Boyce (Overture No 9 in A); Blanlock (The Witch of Atlas); Fauré (Madrigal, Op 35); Khachaturian (Adagio, Spartacus); Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in F, RV433, La tempesta di mare); 8.32 *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 33 No 4: Bingham Quartet) 9.00 **Composers of the Week**: The Eton Choirbook 10.00 **Midweek Choice**, with Susan Sharpe. Saint-Saëns (Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso: Kyung Wha-Chung, violin; Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Charles Dutoit); Nielsen (Violin Concerto: Dong Suk-Kang; Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Muyng Whun-Chung); Fauré (Impromptu, Op 86: Susan Drake, harp); Copland (Suite, Appalachian Spring: Los Angeles Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein); Fauré (Pie Jesu, Requiem); Strauss (Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Karl Böhm); Casals (Sardana) 12.00 **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Berry Wordsworth (r) 1.00pm **Birmingham Lunchtime Concert**, live from Studio 1. Malcolm Binns, piano, plays Schumann (Carnaval, Op 9); Moscheles (L'Enjouement; L'Ambition, Méthode des Méthodes); Herz (Variations on *Vivi tu*) 2.00 **Early Risers**: Luis Gago explores the burgeoning Spanish early music scene 2.30 **Record Review**: Critics' Choice 1994 (r) 4.00 **Choral Evensong**: live from Tewkesbury Abbey 5.00 **The Music Machine**: Psychologist Cynthia Jones talks about memory (r) 5.15 **The Shellac Show**: Jeremy Nicholas introduces a selection of 78s 6.00 **Rush Hour Concert**: Richard Baker presents the first in a series of concerts, live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Colin Carr, cello, and Francis Grier, piano, play music by Bach, Rachmaninov, Janáček and Fauré 7.00 **The Record Producers**: Edward Greenfield presents examples of the work of Suvi Raj Grubb 8.30 **BBC Philharmonic** under Yan Pascal Tortelier, with Olivier Charlier, violin. Berlioz (Overture, Le Carnaval romain); Lalo (Symphonie espagnole); Franck (Symphony in D minor) 9.55 **From Magic to Rationalism**: Politics. The third of four talks by Ronald Hutton about changes of attitude in Henry Purcell's England 10.15 **BBC Welsh Chorus** under John Hugh Thomas, with Robert Court, organ, performs Flor Peeters (Missa Festiva) 10.45 **Book, Music and Lyrics**: Connecticut to Camelot. Robert Cushman presents a personal view of musicals 11.30-12.30am **Ensemble**: Ruth Waterman, violin, Amaldo Cohen, piano. Schumann (Intermezzo, FAE Sonata; Sonata in A minor, Op 105); Beethoven (Rondo in G, WoO 41; Sonata in G, Op 96)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, *incl* 8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Serial 8.58 Weather 9.00 **News** 9.05 **Midweek**, with *Times* columnist Libby Purves 10.00-10.30 **News; A Good Read** (FM only): Edward Blishen and his guests Celia Brayfield and Vanessa Feltz select three paperbacks 10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only), from Tewkesbury Abbey 10.15 **Children's Radio 4** (LW only): *The Willows in Winter*, by William Horwood (6/8) 10.30 **Woman's Hour**, introduced by Jenni Murray 11.30 **Gardeners' Question Time**: *With chairman Eric Robson*, Pippa Greenwood, Anne Swithinbank, Geoffrey Smith and Bob Flowerdew (r) 12.00 **News; You and Yours** 12.25pm **The Oldest Member**: Ordeal by Golf. Maurice Denham as the doyen of Prior's Heath Golf Club, in stories by P.G. Wodehouse 12.55 Weather 1.00 **The World at One** 1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 **News; Victoria Station**: First of a five-part series by Steve Chambers set in Victoria Station, Bridgford, 100 years ago to the day. Wednesday January 4, 1895: a day *notable for the visit of General* Booth and the visitation of general intemperance. With Sean Baker, Philip Jackson, Julia Ford and Pauline Letts 2.45 **Unbroken Voices**: See Choice 3.00 **News; Anderson Country** 4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope**: Reviews the Taboos. How politics has influenced the arts over the past 21 years. 4.45 **Short Story**: Pat-a-Cake, Pat-a-Cake. Written and read by Bernard Taylor 5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **Counterpoint**: Ned Sherrin hosts the first heat of the music quiz (r) 7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers** 7.20 **Face the Facts**: John Waite returns to investigate listeners' *complaints* 7.45 **Medicine Now**, presented by Geoff Watts 8.15 **The Best Man's Burden**: The tribulations of being best *man at a wedding* (r) 8.45 **Across the Desert of Death**: How a team of British and Chinese explorers set out to make the first 780-mile trek *across the Taklamakan* Desert in western China 9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 **The World Tonight** 10.45 **A Book at Bedtime**: The Phantom of the Opera (3/10) 11.00 **One Born Every Minute**: Jez Nelson continues his series on volunteers and science with a visit to the Drug Research Unit at Guy's Hospital (r) 11.30 **Paris, London**: Comedy sketches with Simon Godley, Robert Harley and Carla Mendonça (r) 12.00-12.43am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Maxey

Blackburn onslaught points to league title

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RAY HARFORD, the assistant manager of Blackburn Rovers, yesterday warned Manchester United that the side from Ewood Park is in title-winning mode, claiming: "Over the past year, we've shown the form of champions."

Alan Shearer's second hat-trick of the season, which helped Rovers to a 4-2 win over West Ham United on Monday, opened up — for 29 hours at least — a six-point gap over United.

Harford, who is continuing to stand in while Kenny Dalglish recovers from an appendix operation, added: "On New Year's Eve 1993, we were on 40 points from 21 games. In the second half of the season, we picked up another 44 points; and so far this term, we've got 52.

"That's 96 points from 43 games, two points per game on average, and that's a lot of points," he said. "I think it's fair to say that from last January to this one, on points taken, we've won the league. The trouble was, that at this time last year, we were 12 points behind United."

Blackburn's recent run began after their 4-2 home defeat by Alex Ferguson's side — the only Premiership match at Ewood they have failed to win this season. "I think it's even more important to look back at the last few games than over the year as a whole," Harford went on. "Since United, we've won ten and drawn one out of 11 matches. That's remarkable."

The win on Monday was far from Blackburn's most convincing performance. But Shearer, who played despite suffering the early effects of flu, claimed: "We can't expect to play well every match. It's the sign of a good side that we didn't play well and still won. We've got to be happy if we can keep on picking up three points from games like that."

Dalglish is now at home convalescing after the operation on Christmas Eve. He could, however, be back for Blackburn's next big challenge — the FA Cup match at Newcastle United on Sunday.

While attention has focussed on the extended goal-drought of Andy Cole at Newcastle, it has gone almost unnoticed that Blackburn's other top striker is going through a lean spell. Chris Sutton is suffering the worst patch since his £5 million move from Norwich City. Although he has 17 goals to his credit, he has not scored in his last six matches.

Marlow thrive under doctor's orders

Russell Kempson talks to the multi-talented and extraordinarily busy Dr Ceri Evans



Evans on his rounds at the Maudsley psychiatric hospital in Camberwell. Photograph: Julian Herbert

FA CUP

Grab a goalscorer, minutes after his heroic act, and the usual response will involve the hurdling of a well known lunar body and frothy tributes to the bold and brave colleagues who had served him so valiantly. A banal soundbite for the masses, eagerly anticipated and mundanely delivered, with few footballers able to offer a more constructive reaction to the time-honoured question: "How do you feel?"

Tackle Ceri Evans, the Marlow centre back, with similar post-match probing and he will politely ignore the crassness of the inquiry and reply as expected. Five seasons and 116 league appearances with Oxford United, and 84 caps for New Zealand, have taught him painstaking diplomacy in the face of media interrogation at its most puerile.

Yet tackle Dr Ceri Evans BA (Hons), Rhodes Scholar and trainee psychiatrist, on a wide range of more taxing subjects, football-related or otherwise, and the conversation takes on a fascinating and more intellectual slant. Orbital gyrations do not enter the equation.

Like how have Marlow, struggling in the depths of the Diadora League premier division, disposed of Oxford United, from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, and Woking, of the GM Vauxhall Conference — Evans scoring the late winner — to reach the third round of the FA Cup? And how can they possibly consider winning at Swindon Town, of the Endsleigh League first division, on Saturday?

Evans, 31, is of athletic stock. His father, Gwyn, born in Treorchy, played for Crystal Palace for ten years before emigrating in 1962; his mother, Joy, was the leading table tennis player in New Zealand and competed in two world championships. He has been immersed in sport from day one and reckons the answer to Marlow's surprise progress lurks somewhere within the mysteries of the English class system.

"Football is not that different," he said. "Everyone wants to see the big boys knocked off their perch. Even the big boys want to see the big boys fall, as long as it's not them.

"In a cup-tie, everything else is forgotten. League form or what league you're from can be irrelevant. It's you versus them, it's who imposes their rhythm on the other, it's on the day. It's a motivational thing and who knows what might happen? Quite simple, really."

Quite. Simplicity, though, is not an integral part of his home life in Clapham, south London. Evans not only trains — and often plays — twice a week for Marlow, he also helps run a Seido karate club in Fulham, where he has reached black belt grade. Scuba diving, wine tasting and playing the acoustic guitar also occupy what little time he has left. "It's just a matter of being organised," he said. "I've always taken on a lot of things and I don't like doing anything unless I do it properly."

Thérèse, his wife, is a secretarial temp, aerobics instructor and soother of many a fevered brow when everything closes in around him. "She's very good with encouragement, brings me back down to earth when needed and keeps it all in perspective," Evans said.

> 'I've always taken on a lot of things and I don't like doing anything unless I do it properly'

It was much the same, when, in 1988, Evans, born in Christchurch, arrived at Oxford University on a Rhodes Scholarship — at the time, one of only two awarded in New Zealand. With his six-year medical studies successfully completed and with dreams of cultural awakening, academic excellence and sporting adventure ahead, he juggled a degree in psychology at Worcester College with playing for the Dark Blues and training with Oxford United.

"I think I was looked on as a rather weird concoction," Evans recalled. "A Kiwi playing football instead of rugby and a doctor in the United dressing room; but it was a blissful existence and the overall Oxford experience was marvellous."

Sympathetic tutors smoothed his frequent path from book to ball and, as usual, all objectives were achieved. He gained his Blue, snatching a goal in the 3-2 win over Cambridge at Highbury, turned professional at the Manor Ground and earned his degree with honours. The New Zealand caps continued too, including a brace against England in 1991.

Yet the lure of the white coat, the preference for mind over matter, returned. In April last year, Evans rejoined the learning curve at the world-renowned Maudsley psychiatric hospital in Camberwell, where he is striving to add MRC Psych and MSc to his name. It involves practical day-to-day dealing with the traumatised sufferers of schizophrenia, manic depression, alcohol, drugs and child abuse.

"It's a bit like *Columbo*, trying to pick up clues along the way to build the whole picture," he said. "Some of these guys can be pretty scary, but it's our job to treat them, not to pass judgment." Swindon are unlikely to pose such a mental or physical threat at the County Ground on Saturday, but, in times of stress, Marlow will be wise to look to Evans. Trust him, he's a doctor.

More problems for Asprilla

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FAUSTINO ASPRILLA, the Colombia international, was in trouble again yesterday after police said they found him drunk in a bar in his home town of Tulua, carrying two guns and provoking other customers.

Asprilla was not arrested but was ordered to present licences for the firearms, both pistols, or face imprisonment, a police spokesman said. The player, due to return to his Italian club side, Parma, at the weekend, cannot leave the country until the investigation is completed.

Police said that if Asprilla, 25, could not produce the licences, he would be arrested and could face a prison term of between two and four years. Asprilla has not commented on the incident.

Asprilla, the first Colombian player to be signed by an Italian club, is no stranger to controversy. He missed the 1993 European Cup Winners' Cup final after suffering a foot injury on another visit to Tulua. He said he cut his foot on a broken bottle in a domestic accident, but it was widely rumoured that he was involved in an argument after his car crashed into a bus.

In the same year, he lashed out at photographers waiting for him at Bogota airport and stormed out of the Colombian team camp in Barranquilla after being left out of the side for a World Cup qualifying match. Asprilla said he would never play for his country again after the murder, in Medellin, of Andres Escobar, who scored an own goal in a 2-1 World Cup defeat by the United States.

Diego Maradona, who was banned for 15 months after failing a drug test in the World Cup finals last year, has confirmed in an interview with *France Football* that his playing days are over.

Maradona, 34, who is in Paris to receive a special award from the magazine, said he would confine his future footballing activities to the trainers' bench.

France Football, which makes the golden ball award each December to the European player of the year, decided to give a special golden ball to Maradona in recognition of his contribution to the game.

In the interview, Maradona attacked Fifa (football's world governing body) leaders for suspending him after he tested positive for the stimulant ephedrine in the United States and criticised Julio Grondona, the president of the Argentine federation, for failing to back him.

He said that there was a mafia operating throughout football to manipulate the sport and that international players should get together to wrest control of the game from officials who, he felt, knew little about it.

Shilton receives ultimatum

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETER SHILTON could be dismissed as manager of Plymouth Argyle today — three days before he is due to face Nottingham Forest, his former club, in the third round of the FA Cup.

Shilton has been threatened with dismissal if he does not fully pay an outstanding £50,000 tax demand stemming from his signing-on fee in March, 1992.

Dan McCauley, the Argyle chairman, yesterday insisted that he wanted the money to be paid into the club's bank account by the close of business today.

"That's the deadline he has been given and we are not extending it; it's non-negotiable," McCauley said. Shilton responded by saying: "I should not be threatened with the sack over this payment. I am looking to pay all the money back and have already started to do so. The club would be no better off if I left as they would still have to pay the Inland Revenue. I cannot understand why there is a deadline this week with the FA Cup game coming up and all the obvious financial benefits."

McCauley added: "I am fully in agreement with the manager. It should not be coming up this week but unfortunately we are no longer talking about football; we are talking about money. Peter Shilton was a great goalkeeper. He is bound to get a tremendous sympathy vote, but I have been asking him for this money for over a year and now we have reached our deadline."



Shilton: tax demand

Bruce Grobbelaar must wait at least another month to discover if he will face criminal charges over the match-rigging allegations levelled against him by the *Sun*. Hampshire police, who are conducting the inquiry into the conduct of the Southampton goalkeeper, resumed their investigations yesterday.

"It is a very painstaking inquiry with the detectives trying to build up an accurate picture to see if any criminality has occurred, and there is unlikely to be any statement before the end of the month," a police spokesman said.

The end of the world is nigh, quite possibly

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

As stories go, last night's Network First (ITV) was pretty damn big, being nothing less than global retro-pestilence. "*Imagine a nightmare world* where the Aids virus kills in two weeks, not ten years," it suggested, doomily. "Imagine the threat such a virus would pose to mankind if, *like flu, it could be transmitted by a* single cough or sneeze." (It was surprisingly easy to imagine all this, incidentally, because it sounded like bubonic plague.) "Now imagine that a virus which may have such a potential has emerged . . . *Because it has!*"

When a television documentary takes such a bring-out-your-dead tone as this, it may expect to hook viewers, of course; but it must also expect to lose them for a few moments while, panicking and holding cloves to their nostrils, they soak rags in bleach, and stuff *them around* the windows. For my own part, by the time I had driven in a gas-mask to the all-night shop for Domestos, I had missed a few important moments of *The Plague Monkeys*, and gained only hazy impressions of this killer plague *threatening to swinge through* the human race like a pestilential cheesewire. It was terribly serious, though; so much was clear. It had something to do with monkeys! It made you bleed from the eyes! It was called Filo Pastry!

Watching it more calmly on video in an improvised isolation tent, I began to wonder whether the alarmist tone was really justified, however. First, it appeared that this Filo Virus (not pastry) has *flared up only three times — in a* monkey lab in Germany in the late 1960s; in monkey-eating Zaire in 1976; in a monkey quarantine *establishment in America in 1989*. Each time, the epidemic has been successfully isolated and contained. The virus is not to be sneezed at, obviously; but on the *other hand, it is six years since it* appeared anywhere, and only in a monkeys-only epidemic was it transferred through the air. Having started with all those "Imagine *that*" hypotheticals, *the real story* of last night's *Network First* was not that a killer virus is rampant; it was that maybe it could happen, possibly. Virologists meanwhile would welcome better monitoring of monkeys! More screening! (But that's not quite such a big story.)

NB. The good news about the *Filo Virus is that it has an* unmissable profile under a microscope, and is so enormous it could wear a hat.

Stepping into the *Soldier, Soldier* slot, here comes Kavanagh QC (ITV), and good *luck to you, old son, you'll* need it. Last night's two-hour opener was a slow piece but an absorbing one, introducing John Thaw as Kavanagh, plus his chambers and family, and giving him a pretty simple case to defend: did student Ewan McGregor rape *housewife Alison Steadman, or did* she have sex voluntarily and then invent the charge to get attention from her husband? Since rape *victims* are generally *rejected by* their husbands (see *Cracker*, passim), this sounded an unlikely ruse. *But* the courtroom testimonies were skilfully played, and you *weren't sure until the end* who was telling the truth.

John Thaw seems well set for Kavanagh. His strength is in playing men of limited intelligence, *who don't know their limit*, and who get ratty and combative when they sense other people's doubts. Moreover, Kavanagh is *supposedly* a top advocate, a brilliant man risen from the northern working class. Thaw's tendency to look fleetingly worried is rather useful here, as it brings *vulnerability to an otherwise* rather insufferable bloke. As for his accent, it can dart about with impunity (I always thought his *Inspector Morse* accent was bogus, though it was an unpopular point of view). Finally, Thaw looks very, very distinguished in a wig.

I have to say I didn't care much about Kavanagh's home life — neglected wife Lisa Harrow, who recently concluded an affair with a chap called Miles; daughter with *idealistic boyfriend; son with computer games*. Home lives are included in such crime dramas to make the protagonists more real, but if they are brilliant and dedicated to their jobs, *their* spouses just moan about missed meals and things, and it's boring. If Kavanagh QC hangs around after work for a *drink, who can* blame him, with these unattractive whingers waiting at home? Get a life, you lesser Kavanaghs! Let Daddy get on with his!

If the killer Filo Virus could be transmitted by laughing, all of Britain will have been merci*fully safe from infection for half an* hour last night, when **Joking Apart** returned to BBC 2. This sitcom, now in its second series, *astoundingly* won a Bafta award, though nobody can remember what for. I confess I missed the first series deliberately, having loathed the pilot. I watched it last *night out of a sense of fair play*. Such impulses should obviously be resisted.

It's not just that the central character Mark (Robert Bathurst) is so *sneering* and unattractive, or that his writing (he's a comedian) is so nasty. It's not just that the situation was so obvious — *embarrassed man explicitly seeking* manual relief peruses soft porn in newsagent, is surprised by former girlfriend, tries to hide porn, etcetera. *If the comic situation smacked of "adult" video, so did* the production style and the acting.

The joke was slow, the climax (involving the former girlfriend *having sex on video*) *was cheap*, the reaction shots of the newsagent's customers across the road (pointing, taking pictures of *ladders against windows*) *was like* something from Benny Hill. I'm obviously missing something. *Memo to self: next week, watch it with cloves stuffed up nose.*

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (54758)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18863988)

9.05 Bucky O'Hare (r) (4245278) **9.30 Joe 90.** Puppet adventures of the boy genius (94636)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1009704) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (3865146)

10.30 Good Morning With Anne and Nick (s) (50810)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7552452) **12.05 Pebble Mill** introduced by Ross King (s) (3558617) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78933181)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (34387891)

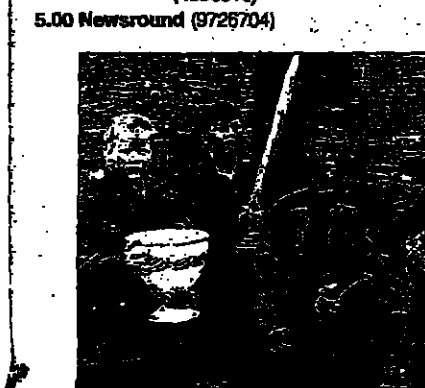
1.25 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (51883181) **1.50 Time Keepers.** Quiz game (s) (91691926)

2.15 FILM: Alias Smith and Jones (1970) starring Pete Deuel and Ben Murphy. The feature-length pilot for the successful television western series about a pair of outlaws trying to give up their life of crime. Directed by Gene Levitt (6496278)

3.30 Cartoon (5827568) **3.45 Sick As a Parrot.** A new series of the crossword puzzle game (5815723) **4.00 Jackanory.** Josie Lawrence narrates part two of James Andrew Hall's *Fowl Pest* (2661723) **4.15 Potsworth and Co** (r) (4794742)

4.35 NEW **The Really Wild Show.** (Ceefax) (s) (4896810)

5.00 Newsround (9726704)



Fear in the land of Elidor (5.10pm)

5.10 NEW **Elidor.** A fantasy drama adapted from the novel by Alan Garner (1851988)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (580384)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (839)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (891)

7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel surprises another worthy. (Ceefax) (s) (2742)

7.30 On the Up. Comedy about self-made millionaire Tony Carpenter and his friends. Starring Dennis Waterman (r). (Ceefax) (s) (425). **Wales:** Winter in Wales

8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull reveal more secrets of film and television and celebrate tales of success in the fields of medicine, science, sport and entertainment. (Ceefax) (s) (808452)

8.45 Points Of View presented by Paul Heiney. (Ceefax) (s) (673549)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather. (8907)

9.30 NEW **Devil's Advocate.** (Ceefax) (s) (4920655)

10.50 FILM: Heartburn (1987) starring Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson. Romantic comedy about a couple of writers whose marriage starts to crumble when rumours begin to circulate that the husband is *having an affair*. Directed by Mike Nichols. (Ceefax) (75723655)

12.35am FILM: Perfect Witness (1989) starring Brian Dennehy. A thriller about a restaurant owner who witnesses a gangland killing but is too frightened to testify. Directed by Robert Mandel. (Ceefax) (369308) **2.10 Weather** (7324582)

BBC2

7.00 Dilly the Dinosaur (r) (s) (4038907) **7.05 Bump** narrated by Simon Cadell (r) (4037278) **7.10 Toxic Crusaders** (r). (Ceefax) (8387433) **7.35 The Worst Day Of My Life** (r). (Ceefax) (1517433)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8415907) **8.15 Thunderbirds** (r). (Ceefax) (3483487)

9.05 FILM: Come Live With Me (1941, b/w) starring *James Stewart and Hedy Lamarr. Comedy in which* a beautiful refugee marries a writer to avoid being deported and then files for divorce when he uses *her story as the basis for a bestseller*. Directed by Clarence Brown (4168810)

10.30 FILM: Unconquered (1947) starring Gary Cooper and Paulette Goddard. *Melodrama* directed by Cecil B. DeMille (98984891)

12.50 The Secret Gardens. Alan Titchmarsh visits a garden in Akenfield, Suffolk (68222162) **1.00 Charlie Chalk** (r) (13335568)

1.15 International Golf. The Canon charity shoot-out from Wentworth (6420520)

2.10 Songs Of Praise from Lambeth Palace (r). (Ceefax) (s) (17337471)

2.35 Next. A celebration of the lives and achievements of the over-50s (s) (7034181)

3.00 News and weather; **Beyond the Wall** (8051159) **3.50 News** (*Ceefax*) *and weather* (5757461)

4.00 World Darts (9891)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. (Ceefax) (359948)



Pele talks about his sporting triumphs (6.45pm)

6.45 NEW **Natural Born Footballers.** The world's greatest footballers talk about their favourite sporting moments, heroes and villains (s) (890265)

7.00 The World At War narrated by Laurence Olivier (2929)

8.00 Rhodes Around Britain (r) (s) (6704)

8.30 University Challenge. Birkbeck College, London, v St Andrews University (5839)

9.00 FILM: Summer School (1987) starring Mark Harmon and Kirstie Alley. Teen comedy about a reluctant tutor teaching English to a bunch of misfits. Directed by Carl Reiner (7278)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (739758)

11.15 Weather (360452)

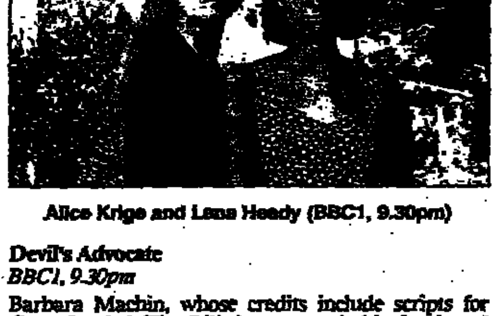
11.20 World Darts. *Highlights* (s) (999723)

12.20am FILM: Ngati (1987) starring Wi Kuka Kaa, Judy McIntosh and Ross Girvan. Maori drama set in New *Zealand in the 1940s*. Directed by Barry Barclay (762211). Ends at 1.55

4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today (40329650)

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Alice Krige and Lena Headey (BBC1, 9.30pm)

Devil's Advocate
BBC1, 9.30pm

Barbara Machin, whose credits include scripts for *Casualty* and *The Bill*, has penned this fact-based drama about a young British nanny (Lena Headey) accused of arson and attempted murder on the isle of Capri. With suggestions that she is not only a criminal but a witch, she becomes the devil of the title. The *advocate is a high-flying* Italian lawyer (Alice Krige) who agrees to take on the case. Cool and assured in her profession, off-duty she is involved in a risky lesbian *affair with a married woman. Other sub-plots* bolster a slow-burning narrative in which the poor nanny is taken from prison to prison and suffers agonisingly along the way. *Things liven up in the concluding part*, which is being shown at the same time tomorrow.

Journeyman
Channel 4, 4.00pm

Clive Gunnell sets off from Oxfordshire on a tour of southern England that will end, in 16 weeks' time, on the Dorset coast at Lyme Regis. With the emphasis on local landmarks and traditional pursuits, the programme is not unlike the old radio show, *Down Your Way*, except that nobody is asked for their favourite piece of music. A cheery and enthusiastic traveller, Gunnell starts in Faringdon with the last *architectural folly built in England. Then he is off to a* pine forest planted by an 18th-century Poet Laureate and a disused railway station that has been turned into a treasure house for *antique hunters. A tithe barn of* cathedral proportions completes an agreeable exercise in rural escapism.

The Really Wild Show
BBC1, 4.35pm

Chris Packham and friends launch a new series of the children's *wildlife programme from the Canadian* wilderness, though at the centre of their tale is a radio broadcast banned by the BBC in the 1930s. Early in the century a young man claiming to be of partly Apache blood joined an Indian tribe and became known as Grey Owl. A skilled trapper who made his living by killing animals, *he gave up this pursuit to look after* two beaver kittens and became a pioneer conservationist. During a trip to England in 1937 he recorded a talk for *Children's Hour*. Because of Grey Owl's condemnation of fox hunting it was not transmitted. It can be heard today, together with the revelation of Grey Owl's *surprising true identity*.

Hollywood Kids: Wild Children
ITV, 9.00pm

This glitzy series ends more or less in the gutter as we hear from young prostitutes, male and female, about their trade. Several claim movie stars as their clients, though they shrink from naming names. Before this we are treated to a wearying discourse about how the offspring of the rich and famous are spoilt rotten and go off the rails. The most nauseating contribution, though it has strong competitors, comes from Carya Sassoon, daughter of Vidal. "I grew up with everything," she boasts, before going on to describe, with some relish, how she ducked school, smashed cars and became a heroin addict. There must be normal people in Hollywood. Presumably they are not reckoned to be good for the ratings. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (3828487)

9.25 Chain Letters. Word game (4234162) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1865966)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (9526568)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (32457181) **12.20 London Today** *(Teletext)* and weather (7558636)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7917094)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7925013) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (34397278)

1.55 Make 'Em Laugh. A compilation of comedy clips from film and television series with the theme of class (54742902) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (17329452)

2.50 Blue Heelers. Australian drama series about a police force in a country town (6340013)

3.20 News. (Teletext) (5879384) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5878655)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (5821384) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (7557443) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (4910723) **4.15 Reboot** (s) (4770162) **4.40 The Tomorrow People.** Episode one of a time-travelling adventure (3007655)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (6225510)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (821278)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (746094)

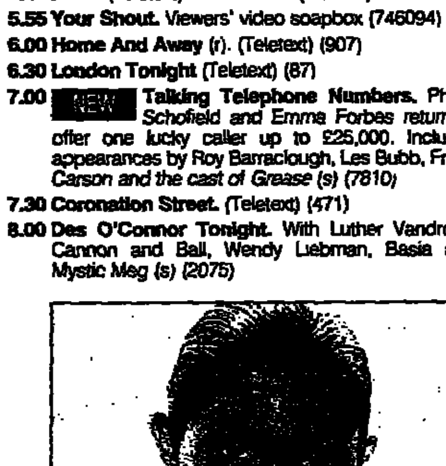
6.00 Home And Away (r). (Teletext) (907)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (87)

7.00 NEW **Talking Telephone Numbers.** Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes return to offer one lucky caller up to £25,000. Includes appearances by Roy Barraclough, Les Bubb, Frank Carson and the cast of *Grease* (s) (7810)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (471)

8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. With Luther Vandross, Cannon and Ball, Wendy Liebman, Basia and Mystic Meg (s) (2075)



A day in the life of Catya Sassoon (9.00pm)

9.00 NEW **Hollywood Kids: Wild Children.** (Teletext) (s) (2839)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (314723) **10.35 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (676365)

10.40 FILM: The Fly 2 (1989) starring Eric Stoltz, Daphne Zuniga and Lee Richardson. The son of the doomed scientist in *The Fly* has inherited a strange physical and mental legacy from his father's genes. Directed by Chris Walas. (Teletext) (48164181)

12.40am Alien Nation. Episode one of a two-part pilot science-fiction drama set in Los Angeles in the near future (s) (2792105)

1.35 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (s) (9769056)

2.05 The Beat featuring music from The Wonder Stuff (s) (5302281)

3.05 The Album Show (s) (2833785)

4.05 Donahue. The guests are people who are having to look after their children and their own parents (4021766)

4.55 The Time . . . The Place (r) (s) (2739650)

5.30 ITN Morning News. (12698). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon a Time . . . Life. Animated exploration of the body (r) (8451636)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (52297)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (52162)

9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit. Keeping fit with minimal physical exercise (s) (8252549)

9.45 Evening Shade (r) (s) (8186128)

10.10 FILM: Tales of Manhattan (1942, b/w) starring Charles Boyer, Rita Hayworth, Ginger Rogers and Henry Fonda. Five stories concerning the various owners of a tail coat. Directed by Julien Duvivier (35589075)

12.20 Hello. *Close encounters of the animated kind*, directed by Faith Hubley (7556278)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (41297) **1.30 Take Five.** With *Mr Men, Further Tales Of The Riverbank, Natalie 7, Ivor The Engine* and *Joggy Bear* (r) (80433)

2.00 Antennae on Ice. Rein Raamat's animated version *of a polar expedition* (76387471)

2.15 FILM: The Return Of The Man From U.N.C.L.E. (1983) starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum. Spy spoof based on the long-running television series. Napoleon and Ilya come out of retirement to take on the evil forces of T H R U S H once more. Directed by Ray Austin (518926)

4.00 NEW **Journeyman** (100)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (384)

5.00 Ricki Lake. Ricki meets Michelle and Terry, who both revel in their role as the "other woman", and then introduces the wives to the mistresses. (Teletext) (s) (6432891)

5.50 Terrytoons. Cartoon series (736617)

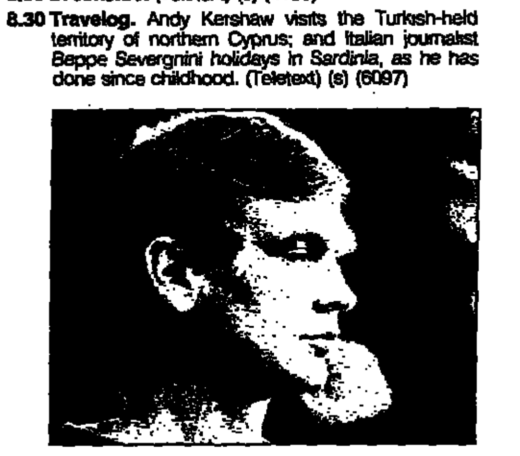
6.00 The Crystal Maze. More contestants are guided by Ed Tudor-Pole through the four time-zones (r) (Teletext) (s) (99181)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (553182)

7.50 The Slot. Viewer access series (626346)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4100)

8.30 Travelog. Andy Kershaw visits the Turkish-held territory of northern Cyprus; and Italian journalist *Beppe Severgnini holidays in Sardinia, as he has* done since childhood. (Teletext) (s) (6097)



Inside the mind of Jeffrey Dahmer (9.00pm)

9.00 To Kill and Kill Again. *An in-depth exploration into* the mind of the serial killer (r). (Teletext) (3181)

10.00 Sybil. The first of a two-part drama based on the true story of Sybil, a woman with a multiple *personality disorder*, and the psychiatrist who attempts to find the real Sybil. Starring Sally Field and Joanne Woodward. (Teletext) (5297)

12.00 LA Law. *Courtroom drama series.* (Teletext) (s) (5516766)

12.55am Feet Don't Fail Me Now. Jazz and dance music (6012056)

2.05 FILM: Viva Villa (1933, b/w) *starring* Wallace Beery, Fay Wray and Leo Carillo. Rousing western based on the adventures of the famed Mexican *revolutionary, Pancho Villa. Directed by* Jack Conway and Howard Hawks (590698). Ends at **4.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (1865966) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News (7558636) 1.55 A Country Practice (91685365) 2.20 Gardening Time (17311433) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (6340013) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (5878655) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6225510) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (590704) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News (314013) 12.40am The Album Show (7105399) 1.40 Hollywood Report (9768327) 2.10 America's Top Ten (3109653) 2.40 Donahue (4302327) 3.30 Live from London (2069037) 4.25 The Time... the Place (1198259) 5.00-5.30 The Munsters Today (60872)

CENTRAL

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GRANADA

As London except: 12.55 Shortland Street (7925013) 1.25 Home and Away (51885549) 1.50 Highway to Heaven (5160433) 2.50-3.20 *Coronation Street* (6340013) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (6225510) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (590704) 10.30-10.40 Granada News (314013) 12.40am Alien Nation (2792105) 1.35 Hollywood Report (9769056) *2.05 The Beat: The Wonder Stuff* (5302281) 3.05 The Album Show (2833785) 4.05 Donahue (4021766) *4.55-5.30 The Time... the Place* (2739650)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Good Health! (54742902) 2.25 *Simply Delicious* (17310704) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (7041471) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (6225510) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (87) 10.30-10.40 HTV West Headlines and Weather (314013)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 12.20-12.30 HTV Wales News and Weather (7558636) 1.55-2.25 Only Yesterday (54742902) 3.25-3.30 HTV News (5878655) 5.40-6.00 ITN News; Weather (582297) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (87) 10.30-10.40 HTV Wales News and Weather (314013)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91685365) 2.20 Laugh with the Carry Ons (17311433) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (6340013) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6225510) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (907) 6.30-7.00 The Country Set (87) 12.40am The Album Show (7105399) 1.40 Hollywood Report (9768327) 2.10 Top Ten (3109653) 2.40 Donahue (4302327) 3.30 Live from London (2069037) 4.25 The Time... the Place (1198259) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (60872)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91685365) 2.20 Look and Cook (17311433) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (6340013) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6225510) 5.55 Tyne Tees Today (621018) 6.30-7.00 Runway (87) 12.40am-1.35 The Equalizer (2792105) 2.05 Videofashion (3700582) 2.35 The Album Show (9977834) 3.35 Noisy Mothers (2068308) 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder (11114)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 High Road (54742902) 2.25-2.55 Stirling Stuff (17310704) *5.10-5.40 Home and Away* (6225510) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (74669)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91685365) 2.20 Look and Cook (17311433) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (6340013) 3.25-3.30 Yorkshire: Calendar News / Birdsale: Network North (5878655) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6225510) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (621013) 6.30-7.00 Runway (87) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (314013) 12.40am-1.35 The Equalizer (2792105) 2.05 Videofashion (3700582) 2.35 The Album Show (9977834) 3.35 Noisy Mothers (2068308) 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder (11114)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (87268568) 7.45 *The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers* (6510346) 8.40 Dynamo Duck (4648687) 8.45 *The Oprah Winfrey Show* (2485556) 9.30 Card Sharks (47742) 10.00 Concentration (8629471) *10.25 Dynamo Duck* (8901346) 10.30 Candid Camera (18742) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (79968) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (42574) 12.30pm E Street (21758) 1.00 St Elsewhere (46013) 2.00 Lace I (46162) 3.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9326704) 3.50 The DJ Kat Show (3888810) 5.00 *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (7029) 6.00 Gamesworld (2013) 6.30 Blockbusters (3365) 7.00 *E Street* (8758) 7.30 M*A*S*H (9549) 8.00 The Tommyknockers: Final part of the Stephen King horror story (87384) 10.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (66891) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (899384) 11.45 Chances (951487) 12.45am Barney Miller (59747) 1.15-1.45 Night Court (49360)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9905297) 9.30 Entertainment This Week (89520) 10.30 *ABC Nightline* (16384) 11.00 News and Business (73758) 1.30pm CBS News (55029) 2.30 Target (13278) 3.30 Amateur Naturalists (4471) 4.00 News and Business (41094) 5.00 Live at Five (5471) 6.30 Talkback (1907) 8.00 News and Business (18926) 9.30 News Extra (36636) 11.30 CBS News (45487) 12.30am ABC News (69872) 1.30 Talkback Replay (24940) 2.30 Target Replay (15327) 3.30 *Amateur Naturalists* (10872) 4.30 CBS News (42834) 5.30-6.00 ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2865346) 10.00 Cold River (1982) (29346) 12.00 The Dove (1974) (50365) 2.00pm Meteor (1979) (80471) 4.00 The Mirror Crack'd (1980) (9433) *6.00 The Goonies* (1985) (77607) 8.00 A Murderous Affair: The Carolyn Warmus Story (1992) (68398433) *9.35 Stranded* (1992) (340384) 11.10 Dangerous Obsession: *Erotic drama* (580549) 12.35am Accidents (1988) (3380872) 2.05 Midnight Ride (1992) (8581637) 3.35-5.00 Twice-Told Tales (1963) (55098872)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad (1958) (49666926) 7.50 Midway (1976) (78515181) 10.00-12.00 The Big Chill (1983) (38568)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Bright Eyes (1934) (32823) 8.00 Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of the Spruce Goose: Animated feature (68384) 10.00 The Pot Carriers (1962) (27988) 12.00 A Lawless Street (1955) (4619891) 1.20pm The Prisoner of Zenda (1988) (7918636) 2.15 Stolen Babies (1993) (145094) 4.00 Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of the Spruce Goose: As 8am (7075) 6.00 Bebe's Kids (1992): Cartoon feature film (47926) 7.20 Special Feature: 1994 Retrospective (8487) 8.00 Untamed Heart (1993) (98497346) 9.40 Stephen King's Sometimes They Come Back (1991) (144181) 11.25 One False Move (1992) (489758) 1.10am Falling from Grace (1991) (429360) 2.50 Hickey and Boggs (1972) (719921) 4.45-6.00 Bebe's Kids: As 6pm (9546853)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

7.30am Soccer News (4807833) 7.45 WWF Superstars (786520) 8.45 Soccer News (9835075) *9.00 NBA Action* (47839) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (65723) 10.00 Frisbee (89891) 10.30 Snowboard Tour (36723) 11.00 Shooting (13346) 12.00 Aerobics Oz Style (27075) 12.30pm Football Special: QPR v Chelsea (43617) 2.30 WWF Challenge (51452) 3.30 Cricket Highlights: Australia v England (1863838) *7.00 Scottish* Football, Live (287723) 10.00 Soccer News (987891) 10.15 Shooting (394723) 11.15 Fish Tales (173988) 11.30 Cricket, live from Sydney (6484989)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Rally Raid (22094) 8.00 Euroski Magazine (80297) *9.00 Aerobics* (77181) 10.00 Powerlifting (28278) 11.00 Rally Raid (81836) 11.30 Live Ski Jumping World Cup (513549) 2.30 Euroski (46520) 3.30 Equestrianism (23988) 4.30 Free Climbing (80988) 5.30 Ski Jumping World Cup (93926) 6.30 Eurosport News (2617) 7.00 Boxing (42181) 8.30 Rally Raid (4907) 9.00 Motors Magazine (27926) 10.00 Ski Jumping (29907) 12.00-12.30am News (79921)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (2369817) 8.30 Peyton Place (2367988) 9.00 As the World Turns (9109013) 10.00 Guiding Light (4691704) 11.00-12.00 Another World (4692433)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Australia (2361704) 12.30pm Kids Down Under (9594839) 1.00 Roads to Freedom (4615384) 1.30 *Cooking in America* (8596810) 2.00 California Gold (5023051) 2.30 Australia (8700100) 3.00 Venice Special (6378948) 3.30 Caribbean (9789617) 4.00 Jamaica Week (8791452) 4.30 Kids Down Under (8797636) 5.00 Cruising (1326443) 5.30 Cooking in America (8788988) 6.00 Australia (6665758) 7.00 Train Journey Through India (4930471) 8.00 Around the World (5928407) 8.30 Travel Guide (6473692) 9.00 Australia (4936655) 10.00 Cruising the Globe (2362433) 10.30 Train Journey Through India (7561704) 11.30-12.00 California (8647100)



Albert Finney as Geoffrey Firmin (Bravo, 9.30pm)

TLC

9.00am Cartooning (7740549) 9.30 Madeleine Cooks (2105075) 10.00 Somebody's Children (4630452) *10.30 Only Human* (2423704) 11.30 Class by Class (2665365) 12.00 Hot House People (2129926) 1.00pm Madeleine Cooks (7809013) 1.30 Cartooning (2106162) 2.00 Frontiers (8486425) 2.30 *Northern Eye* (7938075) 3.00 England's Last Wilderness (9831510) 3.30-4.00 It's a Vet's Life (7931520)

UK GOLD

7.00am Blankety Blank (7802100) 7.30 Neighbours (7898907) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7752384) 8.30 EastEnders (7751655) 9.00 The Bill (7742907) 9.30 Buccaneer (2837029) 10.30 When the Boat Comes In (2425162) 11.30 Blankety Blank (2657723) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7755471) 12.30pm Neighbours (2118549) 1.00 EastEnders (7801471) 1.30 The Bill (2100520) 2.00 Bless This House (8586443) 2.30 Citizen Smith (7938433) 3.00 Knots *Landing* (2678839) 4.00 Dynasty (2657346) 5.00 Every Second Counts (3652278) 5.35 *Top of the Pops* (2532704) *5.55 Porridge* (7924549) 6.30 EastEnders (7953742) 7.00 Citizen Smith (6581079) 7.30 Bless This House (7959926) 8.00 Carry On TV Specials (9931384) 9.00 Fox (9911520) 10.00 The Bill (7756100) 10.30 Top of the Pops (6318617) 11.10 The Kit Curran Radio Show (8849520) 11.40 Dr Who (7214617) 12.10am FILM: The Producers (1967): Black comedy with Zero *Mostel* (9844766) *1.45 Candid Camera* (1721653) 2.15-5.00 Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (9979278) 6.55 *Garfield and Friends* (3108181) *7.25 Eek the Cat* (6328588) 7.55 Pugwall (6780549) 8.25 Super Mario Brothers (6939636) *8.45 Casper and Friends* (3140891) 9.00 Sesame Street (28839) 10.00 It's Droibee Time (51181) *11.00 Teddy Trucks* (48617) 12.00 Garfield and Friends (87471) 12.30pm Eek *the Cat* (69097) *1.00 Beverly Hills Teens* (42433) 1.30 Super Mario Brothers (77391153) 1.45 Baby Follies (77391106) 2.00 Barney and Friends (4926) 2.30 Baber (1568) 3.00 Casper and Friends (6843297) 3.15 *Gravedale High* (630742) 3.45 Sonic the Hedgehog (639013) 4.15 Head to Head in 3D (4319988) 4.30-5.00 Pugwall (1704)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Denver the *Last Dinosaur* (16433) 7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (35568) 8.00 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (28758) 8.30 Rocko (27029) 9.00 Rugrats (38181) 9.30 Clarissa (63365) 10.00 Grimmy (87433) *10.30 Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego?* (34365) 11.00 Killer Tomatoes (87810) 11.30 Ren and Stimpy (95839) 12.00 Pee-Wee (25817) 12.30pm Galaxy High School (87181) 1.00 Doug (15704) 1.30 Alvin and *the Chipmunks* (56452) 2.00 Denver the Last Dinosaur (1810) 2.30 Smoggies (6810) 3.00 Nick Faves (7617) 3.30 Dungeons and Dragons (8655) 4.00 Rude Dog and Dweeb (7162) 4.30 Rugrats (3346) 5.00 Clarissa (2162) 5.30 Alex Mac (7926) 6.00 Doug (4839) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark?

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Life in the Wild (7950655) 4.30 Wild *South* (7955839) *5.00 The Munro Show* (6283159) 5.30 Terra X (7930891) 6.00 Beyond 2000 (2117810) 7.00 Predators (6920278) 8.00 Invention (4086669) 8.30 Nature Watch (9836966) 9.00 The Infinite Voyage (9919162) 10.00 Resistance to Hitler (7754742) 10.30 Spies (7730162) 11.00-12.00 Space Age (7886162)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: I'll Be Your Sweetheart (1945) (4847742) 2.00 The Avengers (4835907) 3.00 My Three Sons (5331556) 3.30 The Beverly Hillbillies (7935346) 4.00 FILM: Sea Devils (1981): Napoleonic adventure (1731592) 6.00 The Protectors (7037758) 6.30 Cannon (2012346) 7.30 Scotland Yard (7944094) 8.00 The Avengers (9926452) 9.00 The Twilight Zone (2671926) 9.30 FILM: Under the Volcano (1984) (5797568) 11.30-12.00 Garry Shandling (4823162)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2891988) 7.00 Gladrags (2894926) 8.00 Beautywise (7009162) 8.30 Great Expectations (7008433) 9.00 A Taste of Japan (4223433) 9.35 Now You See It (7517013) 10.00 Trivia Trap (4060162) 10.30 Susan Powter (7026297) 11.00 The Young and the *Restless* (3931555) *12.00 Calendar Fashion* Show (1940669) 12.35pm Kilroy (2686568) 1.30 Bazaar (4752704) 2.00 Agony Hour (4061891) 3.00 Gladrags (7912162) 4.00 Infatuation (5028181) 4.30 Trivia Trap (10242723) 4.55 Floyd's American Pie (2908162) 5.30 Kate and Allie (5015617) 6.00 Susan Powter (5118758) *6.30 Mr and Mrs* (5029810) 7.00 Gladrags (6464623) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (4464443) 9.00 Cagney and Lacey (4843377) 10.00 Charlie's Angels (7814164) 11.00 Mr and *Mrs* (7932926) *11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK*

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Mouse (5278) 5.30 Cliff Hanger (5384) 6.00 The Big Dish (637810) 6.25 All Clued Up (563029) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (8742) 7.30 My Two Dads (2433) 8.00 The Road to Avonlea (47704) 9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mystery: *A New Lease of Death* (40891) 11.00 Lou Grant (52810) 12.00 Rhoda (11921) 12.30am Big Brother Jake (76360) 1.00 Danger Mouse (81476) 1.30 Trivial Pursuit (22211) 2.00 Bordertown (85327) 2.30 African Skies (54934) 3.00 Lou Grant (43245) 4.00 Rhoda (76679) 4.30-5.00 Big Brother Jake (54898)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (42921) 6.30 The Grind (32568) 7.00 Awake on the Wildside (11758) 8.00 VJ Ingo (435297) 11.00 Soul (40075) 12.00 Unplugged with Nirvana (17100) 1.00pm The Afternoon Mix (108346) 3.30 Coca-Cola Report (8668723) 3.45 Cinematic (8663278) 4.00 News at Night (4321723) *4.15 3 from 1* (4311346) 4.30 Dial MTV (3162) 5.00 Music Non-Stop (77094) 7.00 Unplugged (63742) 8.00 Real World 2 (49162) 9.00 The Worst of Most Wanted (12520) 9.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (98029) 10.00 Coca-Cola Report (416742) 10.15 Cinematic (411297) 10.30 News at Night (214029) 10.45 3 from 1 (139384) 11.00 The End? (24297) 1.00am Soul (61259) *2.00 The Grind* (87785) 2.30-5.00 Night Videos (820230)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4614655) 8.00 Café VH-1 (9035617) 12.00 The Bridge (2529471) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (4546907) *2.30 Heart and Soul* (7559704) 3.30 Into the Music (4132891) *6.00 Prime Cuts* (8581988) 7.00 VH-1 for You (4012029) 8.00 VH-1 Soul (4925549) 9.00 Ten of the Best (4938013) 10.00 The Bridge (9285487) 11.30 Today's Top Five (8929758) 12.00 The Nightfly (2959834) 2.00am Prime Cuts (5118389) 3.00 VH-1 Rock (1319259) 4.00 Ten of the Best (1175261) *5.00-7.00 Dawn Patrol*

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TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (78346) 7.00 Asian Morning (97655) 8.30 Bunyaad (70181) 9.00 Punjabi FILM (152452) 12.00 Ghar (19568) 1.00pm Hindi FILM: Lovers (431461) *4.00 Serial: Sambandh* (9346) 4.30 Serial: Kab Tak Pukaroon (1758) 5.00 Balachandran Chinnathi Rai (2704) 5.30 Tamil Cinema Quiz (2810) 6.00 TVA and You (4839) 6.30 Serial: Bunyaad (8891) 7.00 *BBCD* (2926) *7.30 Zameen Aasman* (4075) 8.00 News (8346) 8.30 Hindi FILM (260810) 11.30 Zindagi (83617) 12.00 Asian Morning (90211) 1.30am Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Stars In My Crown (1950) (27537278) **8.40 Johnny Belinda** (1948) (69051162) **10.40 The Girl and the General** (1967) (81555471) **12.50am The High Wall** (1947) (97610872) **2.45-5.00 The Case of the Frightened Lady** (1940) (86878209)

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SPORT

England seize command after fast bowler's six-wicket haul shatters Australia

Bold Gough exploits rich seam

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

IN A generally mournful year for the national team, England have contrived the occasional intoxicating day when their cricket has been irresistible. Invariably, desperation has been the prompt for such deeds and yesterday was no exception. It was as if the teams had traded costumes, so that the tenacity belonged to England, the tension to Australia. The Ashes, certainly, were on hold.

Australia, scrambling undeservedly past the follow-on figure, were bowled out for 116. Optimists will discern a symbolism in the fact that this was their lowest score against England since the Headingley Test of 1981, the launch pad of a magical transformation in an Ashes series. Romantics will also point to Ian Botham's role in that victory and relate it to Darren Gough.

This is unfair, not so much to Botham as to Gough. England's tiro requires no comparisons with the past for he is refreshingly different. Yesterday, he took six Australia wickets for 49 to add to his ebullient 51 on Monday. "I am on the honours board now," he announced proudly, having received congratulations in writing from Ray Lindwall and on the telephone from Harold Larwood.

> 'At Gough's age, Botham had made a thousand Test runs and taken a hundred wickets in record time'
>
> — **Michael Henderson's view, page 37**

No England player has scored a half-century and taken five wickets in an innings in a single Test since Chris Lewis at Edgbaston in 1991. For Lewis, this was one more false dawn to a career chained by introspection. It is difficult to believe the same fate will befall Gough, for already he enjoys the affection of the public and the grudging respect of the opposition.

Taking five wickets for the first time meant a great deal to him, but it was the way he took his fifth that said so much about the man. Mark Taylor had batted through the innings with clear and increasing irritation as eight wickets fell at the other end. On 49, Gough confounded him with a leg break. "I once got a wicket with one in a benefit match," he explained artlessly. "But I've bowled it four times out here and taken two wickets." There is no inhibition to a young bowler who can do this to the Australia captain.

On a day when Australia responded to England's best bowling of the series with a batting performance strewn with neurotic errors, Gough was only one luminary. Devon Malcolm and Angus Fraser took two wickets each, bowling capably to their strengths, the edges were all unerringly caught and Michael Atherton's captaincy took on the buoyant air of one who believes he can win again.

Atherton's batting has not been in question, however, and by surviving through a dark, damp evening, finally cut short by 40 minutes, he extended to 254 the number of overs he has occupied in the series to date. England had lost Gooch, dismissed by a highly debatable leg-before decision when in his most positive form for weeks, but led by 283 with nine wickets standing and two days left.

When six weeks have been given over to widespread breast-beating about the ills of the English game, a day such as this takes some explaining. But all it has proved, beyond the reminder that England are still capable of such things, is that so much of this game is played in the head.

England were roused by the spirit of their tailend batting on Monday and hurled themselves at Australia with a vigour not often seen in recent Ashes contests. The reappraisal was too much for a home team accustomed to dictating terms against this opposition and the mental barriers that had grown between the sides came down with a clatter.

Conditions were perfect for seam bowling, the weather overcast, the air moist and the pitch never quite losing its freshness as passing showers punctuated the day. But England's trio bowled with a consistency of length and line that had been beyond them until now. Atherton supported them with attacking fields and Australia with aberrations.

Michael Slater, his bat crooked, dragged the ball into his stumps, while both David Boon and Steve Waugh shouldered arms to deliveries from Gough that came back sufficiently off the seam to hit off stump. "It was poor judgment, you can't get away from that," Taylor conceded. "But even if you play a hundred Test matches, you still can't judge every ball correctly."

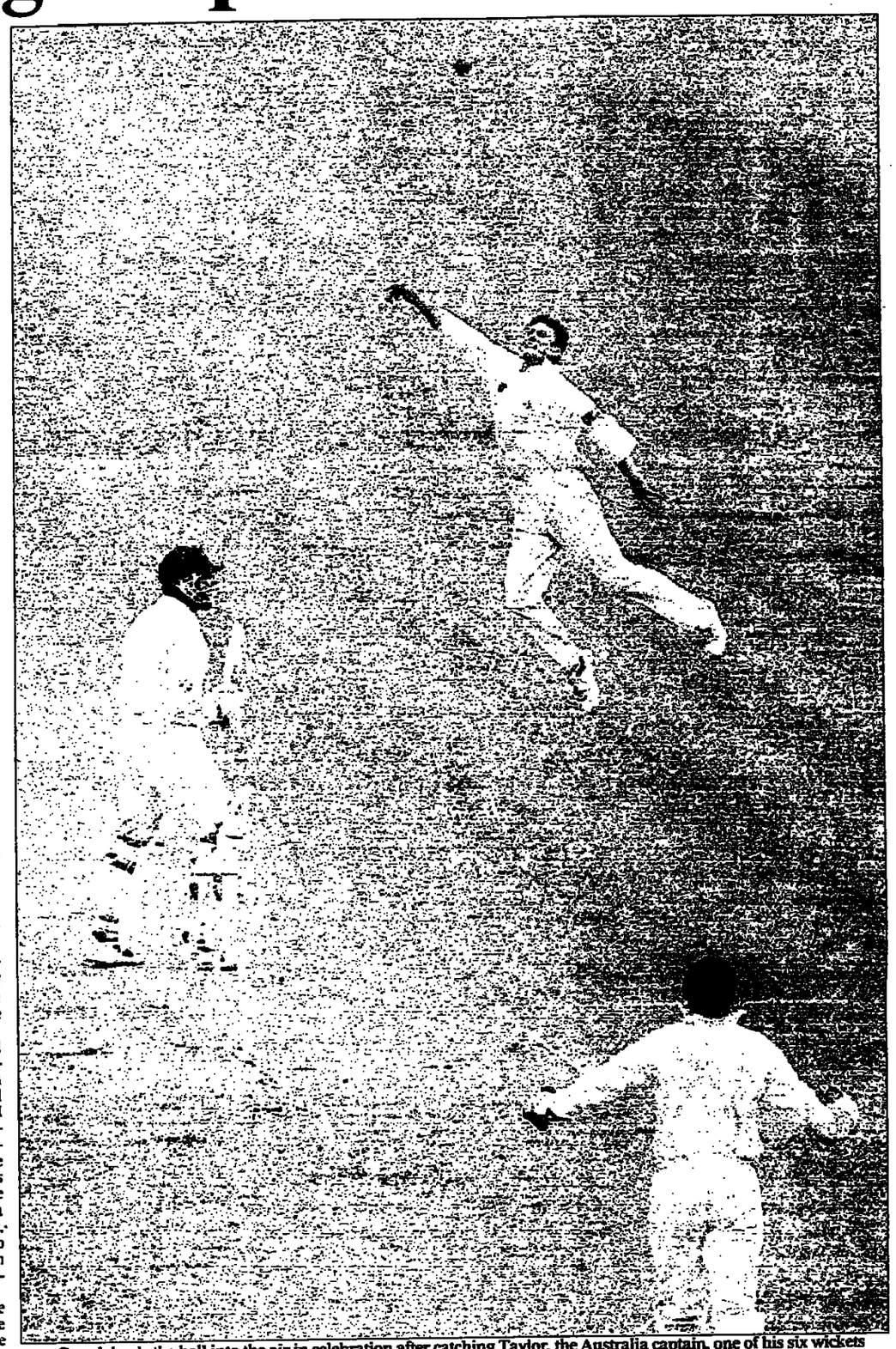
Malcolm produced a good one for Mark Waugh, committing the shot if not the open face which deflected the ball low to the wicketkeeper, and Michael Bevan batted for almost an hour without convincing anyone that he will still be around when the next Test is played, in Adelaide. His one convincing stroke was a square cut for four off Fraser, who immediately switched to round the wicket and had him caught at slip, probing diffidently, next ball.

Ian Healy played a loose drive in the last over of the morning and the rapid demise of Warne and May left Australia on 65 for eight, 45 short of avoiding the follow-on. Taylor advised Craig McDermott to bat positively, and, in the image of Gough and Malcolm a day earlier, so he did. How he survived, however, remains a mystery.

The score was only 71 when Malcolm failed to move for what would have been a straightforward catch at mid-on. Taylor then miscued a pull, offering a return catch which Malcolm put down.

Malcolm always has it in him to imitate both Sylvester Stallone and Frank Spencer in a single session, and it was almost predictable that the runs which saved the follow-on were donated by a bouncer which not only cleared Taylor but Rhodes on its way to the boundary. Once Taylor had gone, thwarted after 209 minutes in his bid to bat through an innings for the first time, Gough yorked Fleming first ball and, such was his mood, would doubtless have completed the hat-trick if Australia had been able to send in anyone else.

Instead, two hours of forthright England batting against McDermott and Fleming brought 90 runs and an imposing lead before rain swept across the ground once more. The weather forecast made grim listening. The scoreboard was altogether more attractive.



Gough hurls the ball into the air in celebration after catching Taylor, the Australia captain, one of his six wickets during a vigorous display that had Australia reeling in the third Test yesterday. Photograph: Rebecca Naden

SCOREBOARD FROM SYDNEY

ENGLAND: First Innings 309 (M A Atherton 86, J P Crawley 72, D Gough 51, C J McDermott 5 for 101)

Second Innings

G A Gooch lbw b Fleming	(61mn, 37 balls, four fours)	29
*M A Atherton not out	(118mn 99 balls, 1 four)	32
G A Hick not out	(56mn, 35 balls, three fours)	22
Extras (b 4, w 1, nb 2)		7
Total (1 wkt, 26.3 overs, 118min)		90

G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, M W Gatting, †S J Rhodes, D Gough, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-54 (Atherton 20).

BOWLING: McDermott 12-2-37-0 (nb 2; 3-1-8-0, 9-1-29-0); Fleming 11-2-41-1 (w 1; 2-0-8-0, 9-2-35-1); M E Waugh 2-1-4-0 (1-1-0-0, 1-0-4-0); Warne 1.3-0-4-0 (one spell)

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater b Malcolm	(36min, 24 balls, 1 four)	11
*M A Taylor c and b Gough	(209mn, 131 balls, 2 fours)	49
D C Boon b Gough	(5min, 5 balls)	3
M E Waugh c Rhodes b Malcolm	(4min, 4 balls)	3
M G Bevan c Thorpe b Fraser	(55mn, 31 balls, 1 four)	8
S R Waugh b Gough	(13min, 8 balls)	1
†I A Healy c Hick b Gough	(19min, 19 balls, 2 fours)	10
S K Warne c Gatting b Fraser	(4min, 5 balls)	0
T B A May c Hick b Gough	(7min, 2 balls)	0
C J McDermott not out	(61mn, 30 balls, 2 fours)	21
D W Fleming b Gough	(1min, 1 ball)	0
Extras (b 6, lb 1, nb 3)		10
Total (42.5 overs, 211min)		116

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12 (Taylor 0), 2-15 (Taylor 0), 3-18 (Taylor 0), 4-38 (Taylor 11), 5-39 (Taylor 11), 6-57 (Taylor 19), 7-62 (Taylor 22), 8-65 (Taylor 25), 9-116 (McDermott 21).

BOWLING: Malcolm 13-4-34-2 (nb 1; 9-3-17-2, 4-1-17-0); Gough 18.5-4-49-6 (6-3-6-1, 12.5-1-43-5); Fraser 11-1-26-2 (nb 2, 10-1-26-2, 1-0-1-0).

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and D B Hair (Australia).
TV replay umpire: W A Cameron.
Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

SERIES: First Test (Brisbane): Australia won by 184 runs. Second Test (Melbourne): Australia won by 295 runs. Fourth Test: Adelaide (Jan 26-30). Fifth Test: Perth (Feb 3-7).

Compiled by Bill Frindall

Grand match for Yorkshire and Oxbridge

John Woodcock says Australian crowds have been warmly appreciative of Gough's heroics

At practice on the eve of this third Test match, the body language of the two sides told one everything. As the Australians pranced, not to say swaggered, the Englishmen looked oppressed, not to say embarrassed. When confronted by the press, as he walked out from batting, Michael Atherton went so far as to keep his helmet on.

It so happens that England's two coaches, Keith Fletcher and Geoff Arnold, appear doleful even at the best of times. Both keen fishermen, they could just have landed the Loch Ness monster and still look as though it had got away. Gooch, unwavering patriot that he is, shuffled into view, shoulders sagging. Then appeared John Edrich, ever a fighter, hard as a pebble and the maker of four Test hundreds in Australia, and everyone said the same thing — "now there's the sort of man we need".

Well, we are not thinking that any more. Things have looked up, wondrously so. On Saturday, Atherton and Crawley did England, Manchester Grammar School and the ancient universities proud. Yes, the ancient universities, inferentially derided by Raymond Illingworth whenever he sees the chance. Having been to Cambridge, he said, and never done a day's work of a certain kind, Atherton was not best equipped to "gee-up" his side.

The chairman of selectors approves of Atherton. It just is that he has a thumping great chip as well. It is, of course, no more admissable to imply that Atherton is not qualified to pull England together because he went to Cambridge than it is to say that Gough played the innings he did on Monday because he is a Yorkshireman. The trademark of Illingworth's England's captaincy was deliberation, not motivation; the trademark of Atherton's is tenacity. Atherton can, in fact, take much credit for England's revival and Illingworth will get round to telling him so, I am sure.

Until now, the number of Australians who were keen for England to do well had been getting rather unhealthy. Their affection for Gough is different. They have taken him to their hearts, thinking they see in him the spirit of Australia. When he was out on Monday morning, the reception he was given was ecstatic. When he led England in yesterday afternoon, after taking six for 49, it was the same again. The ranks of Tuscany rose in acclamation.

I can think of no other English cricketer who has become so instantly popular out here. They loved Patsy Hendren and enjoyed jousting with Fred Trueman and laughed at Johnny Wardle and gasped at Frank Tyson and goggled at Denis Compton and turned somersaults with Derek Randall; but Darren Gough they have adopted. There is something of Ian Botham in him, and he has yet to be broken in.

England went in, I had an awful fear that England might be 80 for five, or something of that sort, by the close. Instead, Atherton stood firm again; Gooch played like the Gooch of old, Hick was given the life he needed, and the day ended with Australians beginning to think that perhaps England have not entirely forgotten how to play the game.

Until now, my favourite matches in Australia have come from 1954-55, when England turned the tables on a rampaging opponent, and 1986-87, when Australia lost as easily as they had expected to win. This one bids to join them. England's confidence has been given a boost, not least because the pitch has nothing in it for Warne, and yesterday they took fine advantage of the conditions — a low sky and a moving ball. If the sun comes out again, Australia will take a lot of bowling out a second time; but, for the moment, the taunting has stopped. Cricket is a wonderful game again, and "body language" can go to blazes.

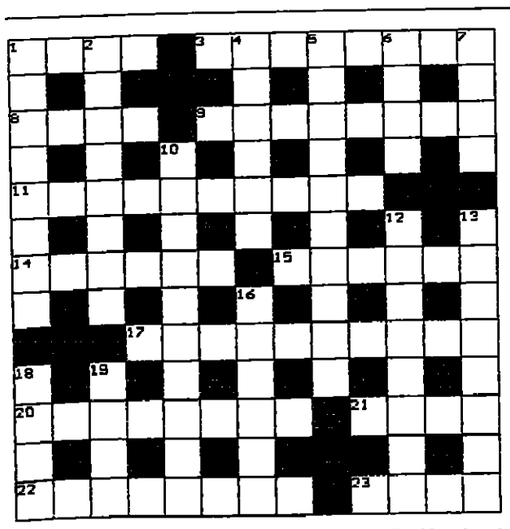
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ACROSS
1 Cut clumsily; ride (4)
3 In good spirits (8)
8 Ark builder (4)
9 Infectious (8)
11 Outline figure (10)
14 Tiny; memorandum (6)
15 Drink of the gods (6)
17 Winter protector of car radiator (10)
20 Of material resources; operable profitably (8)
21 Greek *B* (4)
22 Value very highly (8)
23 Big surplus (4)

DOWN
1 Attractive; generous (8)
2 Going very slowly; abasing oneself (8)
4 Practical joker (6)
5 With authority (esp. of Pope) (2,8)
6 Spin over; egg drink (4)
7 Company emblem (4)
10 Ominously significant (10)
12 Refined, impalpable (8)
13 Man-made item (8)
16 Sultan's minister (6)
18 Fuel, fertiliser from bog (4)
19 Be half-asleep (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 359

ACROSS: 1 Jump the gun 8 Detours 9 Sense 10 Stem 11 Break out 13 Batch 14 Riven 16 Singular 17 Knit 20 Drunk 21 Burgeon 22 In hot water

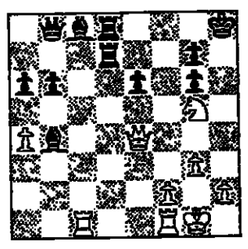
DOWN: 1 Judas 2 Mother tongue 3 Tout 4 Ensure 5 Upstairs 6 Inconvenient 7 Sexton 12 Shrunken 13 Beside 15 Bamboo 18 Tuner 19 Crow

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Alekhine - Rubinstein, Carlsbad 1923. White is a piece down. Should he recapture on b4, or has he got something better?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

INKY-PINKY
a. The small finger
b. A small beer
c. A small pig

KELPIE
a. A deer tick
b. A soft hat
c. A sheep-dog

MEDEVAC
a. A military helicopter
b. An ancient dialect
c. A medieval strip of ground

MOODLE
a. To dawdle
b. To confuse
c. To spill

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